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## EDITORIALS

### Start 1951 Right . . .

and make it a year of rededication to the American principals of individual responsibility and collective strength. Citizens of the City of Farmington can start the new year right by going to the polls Tuesday, January 2.

This election, like any other local, state or national election, is of vital importance to every citizen. But even more important this election will be a direct mirror of the community spirit and democratic action of the people of this city. It can reflect the dictates of a handful of voters or it can be the combined voice of the majority of citizens.

The answer is up to you! It is difficult to understand why anyone in the City of Farmington would want to overlook this opportunity to express himself. It is difficult to understand because the selection of Charter Commissioners and the formation of a new city charter vitally affect every person in this community. It is difficult to understand, because too few people in this world still have an opportunity to vote in a free election.

This right to vote isn't just an accident nor will it remain forever untouched and unused. If we, as a people, are to strengthen our democracy, if we are to insure our future, we must fulfill our obligations as Americans. The best place to start is right in our home town and the best time is January 2, 1951. Vote next Tuesday!

### The Crystal Ball . . .

is right in front of you . . . Take a look into the future. It just doesn't work, does it?

None of us can see into 1951 . . . none of us can be sure what the new year holds. The crystal ball only reflects our own image and so does the future. You and your neighbor are the future, the reflection of thousands and millions of individuals. Where men are free to think, to speak, to write — the future is theirs.

The year 1951 will be what we, the people, a free people, make it. You doubt it? Do you doubt that the eyes of the free people in the world are on the United States? Do you doubt that the eyes of the shackled people are on the United States? You have only to read the headlines of your newspaper to find the answer. And what is the United States? You and your neighbor!

We can dictate the events of 1951 because we are still free. Because we still recognize the individual and respect differences of opinion, and applaud constructive action. It is up to the individual to shake off the confused thinking that was 1950. It is up to the individual to put trust in his fellowmen and his nation and it is up to all of us to live up to that trust. It is up to the individual to renew his faith in God and the day-to-day principles of Christian living. If we conduct our lives and make our decisions with these vital guides before us, 1951 will be a golden year, a stepping stone to a bright new future.

This is not an easy formula to peace and prosperity. In fact, it is probably one of the most difficult things any of us have had to do. It is difficult because now, probably more than ever before, hate is on the rampage. Never before have so many people been stripped of their individual character. No, it won't be easy — it will be very hard. But we Americans are the only ones left — it is our challenge and our responsibility.

1951 is ours and with the help of God the sun will break through.

### Weigh The Words . . .

of Former President Herbert Hoover. They are worth a moment of your time and careful study.

We can not endorse all of the opinions expressed by Mr. Hoover, in fact, we are in sharp disagreement with a number of his views on the world situation. But we would not be honest to ourselves if we blasted away at Mr. Hoover without weighing his words, and that goes for the sincere words of any American. Yet that is what our schooled party politicians did last week. We need unity; constructive criticism, yes! But objective thinking, too.

## Churches

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
26500 Grand River Avenue  
Corner of Imperial Hwy.  
Victor F. Hahn, Pastor  
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Late Service, 11 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Middleton Rd. at Farmington Road  
Rev. W. Rutkowski, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:40 a.m., nursery to Senior Department  
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 12:30 Sunday noon, over CHLY.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. A. Stanley Stone, 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.

**LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH**  
W. 7 Mile E. of Farmington Rd.  
Rev. C. J. Prout, Pastor  
9:30 a.m., Church School  
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School  
W. S. C. S. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

**FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Grand River at Middlebelt  
Rev. Orville A. Weller, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

**CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Cambridge and Grand River  
Farmington, Michigan  
E. J. Johnson, Pastor  
W. A. Hood, Director of Music and Religious Education  
10:30 a.m., Sabbath School  
11:15 a.m., Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m., Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship  
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service  
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Senior choir rehearsal at 8:15 p.m.

**SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
The Church on the Park  
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor  
Mr. A. Bollich, Mus. Dir. Organist  
Mr. C. C. Schuster, Bd. Pres.  
Mr. E. B. Tyler, Dir. of Bd. Ed.  
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School, 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

**ORCHARD METHODIST CHURCH**  
18 Mile Road at Greening  
Rev. Leroy Lord, Pastor  
10:30 a.m., Church Service  
11:45 a.m., Sunday School  
6:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship  
A. Barany, Sponsor.  
Nursery department in care of Sally Pfeiffer and Sally Gilroy.  
Ladies Guild: First and Third Thursday each month, 8 p.m.

**Gaylord Baptist Church**  
19188 Gaylord Road  
Rev. Chester Cones, Minister  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.  
W. 2, 5 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
23701 Cass Avenue  
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.  
"Christian Science" will be the subject of a Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, December 31.  
The Golden Text (John 16:13) is: "When he, the Spirit of truth, in come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come."

**SOUTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
21123 Indian Road  
Rev. H. Raymond Bayne  
Southfield 5312  
10:00 a.m., Bible School  
Free transportation.  
11:15 a.m., Worship.  
Nursery provided.  
7:30 p.m., Evening Praise.  
Tuesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.  
Four Youth Clubs weekly.

**WEST POINT BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
J. Scott Greer, Minister  
Bible Study at 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.

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**  
Rev. Thomas P. Beahan, Pastor  
Daily Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30.  
Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 9:30.  
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.



Resolve now to meet the challenges and obligations of the future with determination and strength. The blank pages that are 1951 are before us — let's be proud of what we write on them.

## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

### FALSE ALARM

It was all bashed up, but one day recently practically every top military man in Washington was anxiously scanning the sky in anticipation of an enemy air raid on the nation's capital.

### ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Leisure and Curtis Aves., Detroit (Five Minutes from Bus Station)  
Rev. James H. Morris, Vicar  
8:00 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 and Primary School (3 to 8 years).

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Warner and Thomas Streets  
Farmington  
Rev. Frank D. Adams, Pastor  
Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Dr. Adams is recuperating from an operation. During his enforced absence, the pulpit will be filled on Sunday mornings by various members of the congregation.  
Church school, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

### NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Charles G. Moran, Pastor  
Mary Flint, Pianist  
Mrs. Jack Eby, Sunday School Sup.  
10:30, Morning Worship Service.  
Special music by the choir, illustrated children's message.  
11:30, Sunday School: Bible study in classes; classes for all ages. During the Sunday School hour the Junior Choir will practice.  
7:30, Evening Worship service.

### BIBLE COMMENT

## Glory and Tragedy Marked the Year 1950 as Turbulent

THE year 1950 is now history and all mankind stands on the threshold of a new year that must be dedicated to renewed efforts to restore to a war-torn world blessed peace.

In retrospect, 1950 was one of the most glorious and, ironically, tragic years in the history of the world.

Seldom has religion claimed the headlines as consistently as it did last year.

Countless hundreds of thousands of pilgrims flocked to Rome in celebration of the Holy Year.

In Cleveland, leaders of eight Christian denominations met to form the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

### Reason for their concern

was a bomb from India which read: "Alert all U. S. cities they are due to be bombed within the next twenty-four hours."

Astonished clerks at the message center immediately made a dozen copies—on message center forms—and shot them out to the key offices. The cryptic message, on official stationery, had all the appearances of being an official warning, and remembering how Washington was caught asleep during Pearl Harbor, word of the impending attack was flashed from the Pentagon to every key office throughout the city—including the White House.

Unarmed couriers sped the message to the national security council, a sergeant raced into the Secretary Marshall's office, the central intelligence agency was alerted, Pentagon stenographers hearing the news made frantic phone calls to advise their friends and relatives. Tension was mounting to the breaking point.

Then the bubble burst amid a sea of very red faces.

A few calm officers decided to check the name signed to the cable from India. They discovered that the signer wasn't employed by the state department, wasn't a CIA agent, wasn't in the navy or air.

Intelligence. In fact, he wasn't a U. S. government employee of any kind.

He was, they learned, an American tourist stopping off in India. Examination of the original cable revealed it had been sent on November 23.

One officer glanced at a calendar. "November 23 was Thanksgiving day," he said. Then he smiled. "What are some Americans apt to do if they're in India on Thanksgiving day?"

"Get drunk," was the reply.

The assembled officers nodded in agreement.

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### AMERICAN BANKING IN ACTION



### WORKER, CUSTOMER, INVESTOR

In America the same man can be all three—a worker, a customer and an investor. As a worker you are free to change your job, as a customer you can buy where you please; and as an investor you can put your savings wherever you can get a fair return on your money. (For instance, 65 out of 100 Americans deposit in thrift accounts.) This right of choice is another American freedom we should cherish and preserve.

## THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN  
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## Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 25, 1925)

Post Office Closed On Christmas

This year, for the first time, post office employees were given a holiday on Christmas Day. No mail was delivered, giving the carriers the holiday privileges enjoyed by others. Postmaster McGee states that both the incoming and the outgoing Christmas mail this year far exceeded that of any previous year at the Farmington Post Office, but by overtime work the inadequate force succeeded in handling it with but little inconvenience to the public and without delay.

Exchange Club Is Santa Claus

The members of the Farmington Exchange Club indulged in their annual Christmas dinner Tuesday noon. The ladies left nothing undone in making the meal one calculated to produce good cheer. Each member brought a Christmas present to be placed on a tree, furnished by the club, which now is delighting the children at the Methodist Home here.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 26, 1940)

Distribute 108 Baskets

Baskets of food for the 108 needy families in Farmington Township and the City of Farmington were distributed Tuesday by the Farmington Food and Clothing Club. The distribution of food and clothing to the hungry and needy, an annual custom of the Goodfellows organization, was accomplished through the willing help of the Farmington men who each year pledge themselves to see that no family goes hungry on Christmas Day.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 27, 1945)

Key Streets Stop Traffic

Farmington was virtually isolated for a time Christmas Eve and early in the day on Christmas because of the ice which made traveling impossible. Despite the fact that the roads were very bad, no accidents were reported in the city, but several minor mishaps occurred to the township, though no one was injured and property damage was slight in most cases.

Another Year is Dawning!

Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee;  
Another year of learning  
Upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting,  
Of quiet, happy rest.

Written in 1874 by Frances Havergal, it was first printed as a New Year card. She stated that at 15 "I committed my soul to the Saviour, and earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment." When seriously ill at 42, she exclaimed, "If I am really going, it is too good to be true. Splendid, to be so near the gate of heaven!"

Thayer Funeral Home

New Year's Greetings

1951

May health, happiness and success be yours all through the New Year.

We are about to begin our 31st year of service to this community. During those years we have continually strived to add new and improved facilities in order that we might bring you better dairy products.

You, the people of this community, have made these things possible. We appreciate the support and encouragement you have given us.

Thank You

FARMINGTON DAIRY

"GOOD AS THE BEST — BETTER THAN THE REST"

PHONE 0135

"Serving Quality Dairy Products Since 1921"

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