

**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**

**"Fair and Square"**

"but certainly not with ruin"

From where I sit, you've got to give Slim credit for acting on his belief that everyone has a right to be heard—just as everyone has a right to his own opinions and tastes. Maybe you like hot coffee, for instance, when you "take a break." Well, my vote goes for a refreshing glass of beer. After all, we're lucky to be living in a free country where we can have our own preferences!

Joe Marsh

**Meeting On Rural Health Scheduled At U-M Jan. 11**

The Fifth Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference will be held at the University of Michigan on January 11 and 12.

Sponsored by the Michigan Foundation for Medical and Health Education, the Michigan Health Council, the University and various other health organizations in the state, the conference is aimed at exploring the areas of responsibility in health at the community level.

Details of the program are being completed but it is known that a unique trial of the "People vs. Michigan Health Programs" will be staged on the Saturday morning portion of the program.

Invitations to attend the conference will go out to all members of the co-sponsoring organizations. However, any person interested in community health may, after December 27, be given a registration fee.

**Baptist Church History Church Passes One Hundred Year Mark; Congregation, Building Grow**

January 7, 1853, the Rev. C. W. Townsend, from Topeka, Indiana, became the regular pastor. His appointment was made by our first Deaconess, Targart, at the nearly two years of Mr. Townsend's stay, he conducted two very successful vacation Bible schools; the first one in the church, the second in the high school building. Evangelistic services were held September 30, 1923, for two weeks. Three adults were baptized as a result of Mr. Townsend's labors. The next to officiate as pastor was Brother R. F. Wilson from Simcoe, Ontario, and he was given license to preach and perform all the ordinances of the church. He resigned September 16 in order to enter the Northern Baptist Seminary for further preparation for the ministry. His last Sabbath in the church, the services were conducted by Superintendent Leonard and Dr. H. C. Gleiss. The ladies of the W.H. Workers Society assumed the first church and banquets; the B.Y. P.U. taking care of the lights; The ladies purchased silverware and a new Perfection stove for the kitchen. The electric heating board on Grand River was the result of their labor. The beautiful "First Baptist Church" sign was donated by Mr. Elmer Weston.

About the first of October, 1925, Rev. E. W. Palmer from Berlin, Wisconsin, filled the pulpit. He preached an outstanding baccalaureate sermon at the M. E. Church. The evening meetings at the Town Hall Park during July and August were attended by large and very attentive audiences.

As Mrs. Minnie Wilber, Historian of the first hundred years of the Baptist Church of Farmington said, "The history of one hundred years of church life has been read. The book is closed! But here is a new

**Bolyard Sent To Army Leadership School**

Pvt. Gerald L. Bolyard, son of Mrs. Rosa Bolyard of 1955 Hubbard, Livonia, has been selected to attend an Army Leadership School at Camp Chaffee after completing basic training with the Fifth Army Division, Army authorities report.

The rigid eight weeks school course is designed to produce the future Army leaders and instructors. Until recently, it was also prerequisite for Officer Candidate School.

**It's A Boy!**

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schooley of Plainfield, Indiana, announce the arrival of a seven pound son, Thomas Early Schooley, November 25 in Indianapolis. Mrs. Schooley is the former Carolyn Early, president of the 1948 Farmington High School graduating class and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Early, who lived at 30425 Ten Mile Road before moving to Rockford, Illinois, in May of 1950.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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In the matter of the estate of Robert C. Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 4th day of February, 1952, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors of claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said time and place, with claim therefor, with this Court and with the history of this estate, and with containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

Arthur E. Moore,  
Judge of Probate,  
Nov. 29 - Dec. 13

**LEGAL NOTICES**

At our annual meeting April 20, 1926, it was moved and carried that we carry one-half of Pastor's salary which totaled \$1200. Also that the church pay for the winter of the communion service and that the offering taken at that time be put in a Fellowship Fund. \$200 was set as a goal for Missions and the total amount raised during this year was \$301.47.

The growth of the church was so apparent that the need for a new unit was discussed in January, 1929. It was deemed necessary to raise the sum of \$500 and later in the year a Building Committee was authorized to meet the bank officials and negotiate for the borrowing of \$5,000 or \$3,000 (as deemed necessary) and authorize the contractor to proceed with the building under proper contract. The Ground Breaking ceremony for the new unit was held in 1929. As the last chapter service of the church, Mrs. Minnie Wilber was asked to turn over the first shovelful of dirt. Open air services were held in the Town Park during July and August. September 8, 1929, motion carried that the Deacons and Trustees be authorized to file with the State Department a charter of incorporation of the church.

October 7, 1929, our good brother John Sim died as result of a fall through the floor beams to the basement of the new unit. During the construction, Mr. and Mrs. Sim were so interested in the building that they paid a daily visit to see how the work was coming along.

Special meeting was called November 7, 1929, during the said organization of the Baptist Church and Society of Farmington and to be known as the First Baptist Church of Farmington.

In February of 1930 the new unit was dedicated.

Meeting called to order April 22, 1931, for the purpose of taking action on the adoption of a new constitution. The Articles and Sections were acted upon separately. Motion made to adopt Constitution as corrected in its entirety.

On September 8, 1932, the Novi Church, which was formerly identified with ours, was without a pastor and the work was at a standstill. It was decided that our pastor give them the existing service every Sunday morning after our meeting, a mid-week meeting and an evangelistic service one Sunday evening per month. Consideration to be \$5 a Sunday, \$15 a month to be paid into the Treasury of our Church and \$5 to go to the pastor for his car expenses. Arrangement to be until the first of January.

The \$7,250 was the extent of our indebtedness to the bank. During the year 1933, depression caused the Farmington State Bank to close its doors. Members and friends of the church who had accounts turned their money over to be used toward the indebtedness of the church and that with \$2,000 loaned us by the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, canceled the mortgage held by the bank. Open air services were held during the summer of 1933.

The burning of the mortgage took place August 14, 1933 in the church auditorium. After a short message of appreciation of cooperation by the Pastor, certificates were awarded to all who had a part in the making possible of the wiping out of the mortgage. Mayor Hayward Warner, being one of the donors, was the first speaker. After the completion of this act of devotion, "Aunt" Minnie Wilber was called to the platform and gave a resume of our activity and with the assistance of Mr. E. F. Bates, she put it. Meeting closed with the Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".

**Take Loyalty Oath**

Members of the Ground Observer Corps recruited by Civil Defense Corps under the provision in Michigan's Civil Defense law which requires all Civil Defense personnel, paid or volunteer, to take a loyalty oath. Brig. Gen. Lester J. Maitland, chief director, recently announced Loyalty oaths signed by ground observers, like those of all other Civil Defense personnel, are not forwarded to the State Office in Lansing but are retained in the office of the local director.

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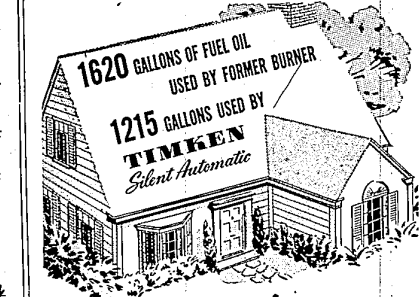
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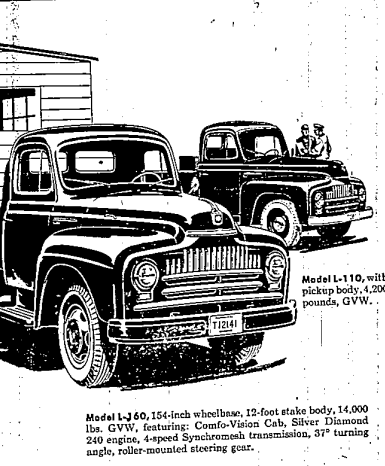
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**PTA Plans Old Fashioned Christmas Program**

Parents of children attending the Middlebelt, William Grace and Noble Schools are invited to attend an old-fashioned Christmas program in the Middlebelt School at 8 p.m. Monday, December 3, under the sponsorship of the Noble Parent Teacher Association.

Mrs. Max Miller will be guest soloist, accompanied by Mr. Miller. Lunch will be served by the third grade room mothers.

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