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EDITORIALS

Bells Will Ring . . .

all over the Christian world next Tuesday morning, Bells of joy and gladness echoing from towering steeples crowded among huge skyscrapers to impressive towers overlooking quiet villages to little white spires dotting the rolling countryside.

They will be ringing out a message of peace and love, of hope and faith. For next Tuesday is Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Christ. Yet, as the bells ring, war, hate, distrust and disbelief plague the earth. On Christmas morning we will read of violence both of action and thought. We will hear the shriveled words of debunkers and the fuzzy utterances of those who know no faith.

But the bells still ring as they have rung down through the generations and no cynical words are loud enough to drown out their music. There was violence in the world that starry night in Bethlehem, but in a little manger there was peace. There were those that doubted and scoffed, but they could not put down the joy that surged up in the hearts of those who stood by the Christ Child. They found warmth and hope in this humble place, just as today we find faith in the ringing of the bells.

There are many challenges along the pathway. There are many sign posts that leave us confused and in doubt. And then we pause as the bells ring. No, we may not be able to see them, but they bring peace to our hearts. So it is with Christmas. It isn't something we can see, it lives in the hearts of men and echoes in the sound of bells. And once again it brings peace to our hearts.

It's Catching . . .

this spirit of Christmas, and it is reaching epidemic proportions. But there is no alarm, no panic, as it spreads throughout the community.

More and more organizations in the Farmington area are catching the spirit as Christmas draws near. They are going all out to bring happiness to others in our community this holiday season. They are buying food and clothing for needy families, they are giving gifts to hospitals, they are remembering veterans far away from home.

We can be proud of this epidemic of giving, we can be proud of our neighbors and our community. Giving is the true spirit of Christmas, helping others who need and appreciate help. Just a brief glance at the news columns of The Enterprise will show just how far this epidemic has progressed. It is infecting our boys and girls, our men and women, and not a finger is being raised to stop it. In fact we are proud to shout it from the house tops. Let it spread!

Let it grow until it becomes a habit, not just a few days each year but every day. We don't mean the pouring of expensive gifts, we mean just remembering, just a friendly greeting, just a warm hand-clasp. Have you ever stopped to think what this would mean? The spirit of Christmas 365 days out of the year! How much could we accomplish? How much progress could we make? We will never know until we try it — but we get a brief idea about this time every year. And it's enough of a glimpse to set minds to thinking!

It's catching, this spirit of Christmas — let it spread!

Go To Church . . .

this Christmas and take the whole family with you! Join your friends and neighbors in worship and song on this, the birthday of our King. Find peace and renewed faith in the church of your choice.

All of Farmington's churches are planning special Christmas services and the doors are open to you and your family. Go in, find peace in the beautiful music — find hope in the quiet prayer, and walk away together refreshed in mind and spirit.

You'll find new meaning and new beauty in the Christmas Day and new hope for the future. Go to your Church this Christmas and take the whole family with you!



By GENE ALLEMAN

Another question facing the next session of legislature: Will it, or can it, come up with \$2,000,000 for Michigan? The straits recommended by the Bridge Authority would be five miles long — second longest suspension bridge in the world — and would cost an estimated \$7,000,000.

Can the state finance \$7,000,000? The Authority says yes, that without raising the rates now charged by the state's five ferries (average \$2.69 per car) such a bridge could be paid in 25 years.

Engineers who made the original report pooh-poohed the folderol that the bridge wasn't physically feasible. Said they: the currents in the straits are negligible, the winds never have reached more than 70 miles per hour, and the bridge would be constructed in violent winds of 100 mph. Ice would be no problem and the straits bottom can easily withstand the "moderate" pressures exerted by such a bridge.

Advantages of linking the peninsulas: Funnel commercial traffic through the state which is now taking the long run through Chicago and Wisconsin; facilitate easier traffic; better protection for the Great Lakes; stimulate tourist trade and make the UP more attractive for deer hunting and sports.

The structure, as now planned, would have two lanes of traffic each way, separated by a low curbing, and could handle 1,500 automobiles an hour. Visitors to the UP in rush seasons now wait as long as 14 hours for the ferries.

Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, who has been out of politics, speaking to a Detroit columnist, the former lieutenant governor said self-cure is possible in political addiction. "I was the victim of such an obsession myself," he said. "I couldn't stay out of a political meeting." But he adds, "I'll be on the sidelines while the Diksons and Tafts and the MacCarthys and the Britches are in power this year under the Republican flag."

The doctor, lawyer, dentist says the Republican party is open only to those who carry checkbooks and take orders. "I know I won't fit in as long as independence and progressive ideas are barred."

He admits a well-meaning public helped his cure along. He ran third in a field of five in the 1950 G. O. P. primary.

At the same time there's some stomping about in the bullrushes for the return of Frank D. McKay to O. O. P. party leadership. Michigan. The Grand Rapids politico retired after a ten-year battle, in the 1944 G. O. P. convention in Chicago.

But his enemies are dug in well behind a bulwark of "McKinleyism" and the old McKay machine just ain't what it used to be. A vote in the hand is worth two in the bullrushes.

A few state agencies bird-dogging through recommendations of the "Little Hoover Commission" have found little chance for economy, but admit more efficiency might be more evident.

The social welfare department is in a sweat. "There never was a time when the future was more uncertain," says W. J. Maxey, director. Increased inflation and growth.

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Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 23, 1926)

Barn Burns

A barn located on the Ten Mile Road farm owned by Briggs Investment Company of Detroit was destroyed by fire shortly before noon Saturday. The loss was estimated at \$17,000. Hay and grain crops for the season in addition to tools stored in the barn were destroyed. The Farmington fire department responded to the fire alarm but the flames had progressed too far to be extinguished. A large number of cattle, housed in the barn, were saved by 14 year old Earl Agar, son of the farm tenant. Agar led the cattle to safety. The owners carried partial insurance on the barn, which was built by Albert Sulkowski in 1919. He sold the farm two years ago to the Detroit company.

Discuss Shakespeare

Shakespearian drama was discussed at the regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wilber Wednesday, December 15. Mrs. Frank Steele sketched Shakespeare's life. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cook and Miss Hard read briefs from his various plays.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 25, 1941)

Choose Representative

Dorothy Goers will be Farmington High School's representative in the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Contest sponsored locally by the Three Flag Chapters. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers of Brookdale Park.

To Aid Defense

The Farmington Township Civic Association will direct its efforts toward defense work in the coming year. The decision was made during the annual meeting in the home of Joseph Vetter on Middlefield. Officers for the year are Fred Wilkinson, Theodore Kohlman, Mrs. Carl Goers, Joseph Vetter, John Byrne, Geoffrey Gagnon and Harvey Perry.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1946)

Distribute Food

Farmington Goodfellowes have distributed food and clothing to approximately forty families in this vicinity. Most of the food and clothing was delivered Saturday and the remainder Monday. It was delivered early for the recipients to get them needed before the Christmas holiday.

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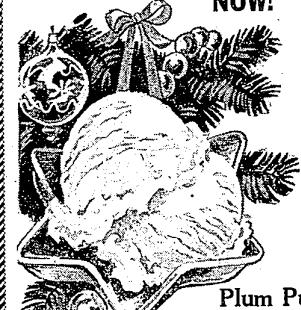
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School.

Monday Evening

December 24th

7:45 p.m.

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church

Oakland Avenue at Grand River

Farmington, Michigan

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Communion 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.