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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 taking 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 handshake. 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!

Churches

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25600 Grand River Avenue
Early Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Late Service, 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road
Sunday School 9:40 a.m., nursery to senior departments.
Divine services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Lutheran Hour broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Sunday over CKLW and at 3:30 p.m. on WXYZ.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Grand River and Warner Avenues
Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mid-week Devotional Service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

LIVONIA METHODIST CHURCH
W. 7 Mile, E. of Farmington Rd.
9:30 a.m., Church School.
10:45 a.m., Morning Worship.
10:45 a.m., Nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday School.
W. 5 & C. St. on second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

FARMINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Grand River at Middlebelt
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11:40 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Friday Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
Cambridge and Grand River
9:00 a.m., large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
11:15 a.m., the Morning Worship.
6:30 p.m. the Intermediate Youth Fellowship, the Wesley Adult Fellowship.
7:30 p.m., the Evening Service.
7:45 p.m., every Wednesday evening, the Prayer Service.

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. David H. Lowe
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 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 8:30 p.m.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST
Warner and Thomas Streets
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Minister
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.
Junior Church, also at 11, Miss Marion Kellogg, superintendent.

FOREST HILLS UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH
Warner and 12 Mile Roads
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service, at 8 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, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
What was the origin of man and the universe? That interesting question is discussed in the Lesson Sermons to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday, December 23, under the subject "Is The Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?" from I Corinthians (8:1): "To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21122 Indian Road
10:00 a.m. Bible School.
11:15 a.m. Worship.
Nursery provided.
7:30 p.m., Evening Service.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Prayer Fellowship.
Five Youth Clubs weekly. For free transportation phone SO. 5372.

Gaylord Baptist Church
19185 Gaylord Road
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:15 a.m.
B. Y. F., 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
15388 Beech Road
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Morning Worship.
8 p.m. Evening Service.
8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer.
8 p.m. Saturday, Young Peoples Service.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Grand River and Salem Avenue
(1 Block South of Seven Mile Rd.)
December 23
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:30 a.m. Church School and family carol service for children and parents.
11:00 a.m. Morning prayer with carols and sermon.
7:30 p.m. Annual carol service. Refreshments afterwards.

December 24
11:30 p.m. Midnight service, Holy Communion with carols and sermon.
December 25
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion.



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

PEACE AND PRESTIGE

One reason President Truman ducked out for the Key West sunshine was to work undisturbed on two major issues that have been keeping him awake nights — world peace and the administration's sagging prestige.

White House assistants were warned about the Key West trip by Mr. Truman at a staff conference. "This won't be any picnic. We've got plenty of hard work to do."

On the first headache, peace, Mr. Truman assembled all the plans and ideas drafted on the White House doorstep to study at Key West. He hopes to come up with a tangible, imaginative program to stop the spread of communism and prevent war.

The President, for all his other faults, has an almost mystic, though sometimes naive sense of his role of a peacemaker and constantly repeats to close associates: "The only thing that counts is to find a way to world peace."

Mr. Truman has in mind a type of point 4 program which would teach other nations how to build their industry and agriculture as an

alternative to the huge armaments race. He is also deeply concerned about a related problem which this columnist has frequently reported — namely, the hundreds of thousands of iron curtain escapees who have fled to the west but are treated no better than under Communist regimes, simply because the Atlantic Pact nations have no plan of action.

Before he left for Florida, Mr. Truman suggested to several senate friends, who planned European junkets, "Look around while you are abroad, and tell me really what is happening, what people over there are thinking, and what we should do about this line."

On the second major problem — sagging prestige here at home — Truman remarked to new Democratic chairman Frank McKinney that the corruption issue had sunk deeper than he realized and there had to be a house cleaning. He indicated to McKinney that he would try to work out something drastic along this line.

One top presidential adviser has recommended that Howard McGrath, the do-nothing attorney general, be dropped, and a hard-driving independent reformer be appointed to crack down on crooks and grafters. Two names were suggested: Sen. Wayne Morse, the Oregon republican, and Sen. Estes Kefauver, the crime-busting Democrat.

TRUCE TALKS

Here is the inside story on the Korean truce talks. General Ridgway has cabled a strong recommendation to the Pentagon that we keep the military pressure on the Communists until all the terms of the armistice are settled. Otherwise, he warns that the Chinese will stall over such matters as inspection teams and exchanging prisoners.

Ridgway also claimed that his forces can hurry the final armistice — provided they remain free to twist the Communists' arm. On the other hand, he argues that after a truce his men won't feel like fighting for ground that they know is going to be given back anyway. "Ridgway's gamble is that his tactics won't cause a breakdown of the talks, but will (Continued on Page Eight)



Another question facing the next session of legislature: Will it, or can it, come up with \$2,000,000 for preliminary work on a Straits of Mackinac bridge? The structure recommended by the Bridge Authority would be five miles long — second longest suspension bridge in the world — and would cost an estimated \$37,000,000.

Can the state finance \$37,000,000? The Authority says yes, that without raising the rates now charged by the state's five ferries (average \$2.09 per car) such a bridge could be paid in 25 years.

Engineers who made the original report took into the fold the fact 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 (bridges would be constructed to withstand winds of 120 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: Puncture commercial traffic through the state which is not taking the long run through Chicago and Wisconsin; facilitate defense traffic — better protection for the So; 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 for as long as 14 hours for the ferries.

Dr. Eugene C. Keyes swears he has been accused of politics since he took over as 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 Dikensens and Tatts and the MacCarthys and the Bruckers march by 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 is some stomping about in the bullrings for the return of Frank D. McKay to G. O. P. party leadership in Michigan. The Grand Rapids politico retired after a ten-year battle, in the 1934 G. O. P. convention in Chicago.

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

A few state agencies, bird-dogging through recommendations of the "Little Hoove 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 (Continued on Page Eight)

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 Asar, son of the farm tenant. Asar led the cattle to safety. The owners carried partial insurance on the barn, which was built by Albert Sukowski in 1919. He sold the farm two years ago to the Detroit company.

Discuss Shakespeare
Shakespearean 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 lyrics 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 was elected by members of the senior class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers of Brookdale Avenue.

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 Middlebelt. Officers for the year are Fred Wilkinson, Theodore Kohlman, Mrs. Carl Gossett, Joseph Vetter, John Byrne, Godfrey Gagnon and Harvey Perry.

FIVE YEARS AGO (December 26, 1946)
Distribute Food
Farmington Goodfellows 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 things they needed before the Christmas holidays.

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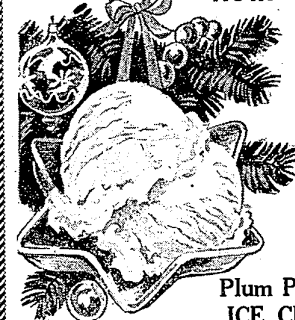
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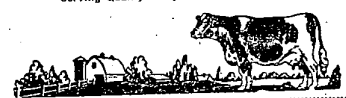
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Christmas Greetings To All

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Monday Evening
December 24th
7:45 p.m.

Salem Evangelical
and Reformed Church
Oakland Avenue at Grand River
Farmington, Michigan

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Grand River at Oxford
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday.
Church 11:00 a.m. Saturday.
8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
"Faith for Today" telecast 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Channel 7.
"Voice of Prophecy" WXYZ Sunday 9:30 a.m., CKLW Sunday 10:30 a.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 and 12:30.
Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00.
Daily Masses: 6:30 and 8:00.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
A nursery department is maintained during the Morning worship.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 11:25 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, Sunday evenings.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Services at the Middlebelt School, Middlebelt north of Ten Mile Road
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.