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## Postal Hours Lengthened For Xmas

In order to aid those who need the advice, "Do your Christmas mailing early," the Farmington Post Office will remain open until 8:00 p. m. every evening except Sunday, beginning on Saturday, December 12. The extension of hours will remain in effect until Christmas Day, according to the announcement made by Postmaster Norman Lee.

During the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 200 per cent, Mr. Lee says. Patrons of the post office who wish to make sure their gifts arrive at the proper destination in time should mail them at least a week or 10 days before Christmas.

Christmas cards, mailed in unsealed envelopes and containing no written communication other than the signature of the sender, may be mailed for one and one-half cents. To assure the proper handling of cards, Mr. Lee recommends that first class postage stamps be used.

Patrons are also advised that packages must be securely wrapped and tied as articles may be easily broken or crushed in the holiday rush. Packages containing breakable material should be "fragile" marked.

For especially quick service the air mail and special delivery services are suggested. The use of the special delivery stamp will assure delivery on Christmas Day if mailed at the proper time. Rural carriers will not stamp letters for patrons during the Christmas rush period, says Mr. Lee.

Many packages are sent from Farmington post office to foreign countries during each holiday season. These intending to mail packages to foreign countries should mail them not later than the dates given for each foreign country and United States possession listed below.

November 25, British India; December 28, South Africa; December 5, Argentina and Brazil; December 5, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; December 11, Peru; December 12, Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, Malta, Rumania, and Iraq; December 16, Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Denmark, England, France, Hungary, northern Ireland, Irish Free State, Italy, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Sweden and Switzerland; December 18, Canal Zone and Panama; December 21, Cuba; and December 22, Bermuda.

## PUBLIC INVITED TO BOY SCOUTS' COURT OF HONOR

A Court of Honor for Boy Scouts of the Seventh District, Oakland County, will be held on Monday evening, December 7, at the M. J. Community Hall in Farmington. Preceding the evening's program will be the dinner which is scheduled for 6:30 p. m.

Parents and friends of scouts and general public are invited to attend. Herbert Watson, scout executive of the Oakland Area Council, will present the awards which will be made to the following: Charles Wellington and F. C. W. Launa Bond—Mary; Becky Auten—Martha; Douglas Parter—Zedok; Edgar Barrons—Thudus; Howard Legg—Benjamin; Henry Mahaney—Silas; Virginia Fisher and Virginia Coleman as two winners.

Miss Roberta Hall entertained several ladies at a dinner that was followed by a bingo party, on Saturday evening.

## Judge Bushnell's Masonic Leadership Pleases Friends



JUSTICE BUSHNELL

The many friends in this area of Supreme Court Justice George E. Bushnell have been pleased with his achievement of the highest honor in Scottish Masonry, recently announced. Justice Bushnell has been appointed deputy for Michigan of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Justice Bushnell has an unusually large number of friends in the Farmington area, which he frequently visited in various activities prior to his elevation to the Michigan supreme bench.

Justice Bushnell formerly was one of the two active members of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree in this state.

## Prospects Good For FHS Cagers

That Farmington High School's basketball squad will not lack adequate material for a strong first and second team is evidenced by the large turn-out of 38 players who reported for the first practice of the season.

The squad will be reduced to 20 or 25 by the end of the week in order to allow the development of the regular teams. An attempt will be made to give those not on the squad a chance to practice several times a week.

Prospects for a good season are much better than they were at this time last year, in the opinion of Coach Harold Kammerer. "Davis, a guard, Howard Turner and Don Lee, forwards on last year's team are back and should be better than last year," Coach Kammerer says. "Tony Himmelbach had a recurrence last Friday of the knee injury, also known as the football lineup all fall and may not be able to play. This would be a blow to the team but two strong candidates for his job appear at present to be Ralph Banfield, a substitute from last year, and Duane Hoffman, a newcomer from Akron, Indiana. At center, the post left vacant by Harvey Hamilton and most difficult to fill, two likely looking candidates are on hand in the persons of Louie Nowlin, also known as the Bill Stinson from last year's reserve team. Gerald Grace a letter winner at forward last year, is also back with the squad."

Several players are displaying ability that may make them look like fairly good prospects at the present. They are F. C. Wellington, Carl Hunt, Bill Plink, and Jim Barrons. Red Collins, Halsey Miller, Elmer Grizdela and Wade Dickerson, all on the reserve team last year, are also showing considerable improvement.

The 1935-37 basketball season will open with two warm-up games before the league schedule opens. The first of these games will be played at the Northville High school gymnasium on December 4 against University High School of Ann Arbor. First and second team games will be played, the opening game to begin at 7:30 p. m. This is a home game for Farmington but is being played at Northville because of the lack of adequate facilities in the Farmington gymnasium. University High School won the game with Farmington last year by a score of 26 to 9.

The second pre-league game will bring Farmington's traditional rival, Northville, to the former's floor on Tuesday, December 8. Northville has a veteran team this year, a team that was a stand-out last year.

The 1936-37 League Schedule. The schedule for the Southwest, or Oakland County league is as follows:

December 5	at Northville.
December 8	at Northville at Farmington.
December 11	Clarkston at Milford.
December 14	Keego Harbor at Wallied Lake.
December 18	Keego Harbor at Farmington.
December 18	Brighton at Clarkston.
December 18	Milford at Wallied Lake.
December 18	Farmington at Keego Harbor.
January 8	Clarkston at Farmington.
January 12	Brighton (home) at Wallied Lake.
January 15	Keego Harbor at Milford.
January 15	Keego Harbor at Clarkston.

## 4 Released From Arson Sentences

Four men, charged with the burning of buildings at Cass Liberty at Twelve Mile and Halsted Roads in Farmington township in April, 1933, are at liberty following their release from the county jail in Pontiac by Circuit Judge George B. Hartick this week. The four were sentenced July by Judge Hartick to six months in jail and to probation for three years.

The sentences of James E. Bader and Randall Wilson, both of Pontiac, were commuted to probation by the Michigan Supreme Court. Bader was the first man to be arrested on an order from the "one-man grand jury." He was found guilty of contempt of court for failing to appear in court. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Bader was rearrested on June 16 when five others were charged with burning buildings at the camp. He would have been eligible for release in approximately two weeks with allowance made for good conduct.

The others who received commuted sentences on Tuesday are Gordon Smith, 29, of 59 Ridgeway avenue, Pontiac, and Harry F. Flint, 49, of 950 Landon avenue, Flint.

## NEW FORD V-8 WINS APPROVAL AT SHOWING

"The showing of the new 1937 Ford V-8 is meeting with more enthusiasm than has any new model we have had in the past few years," states Curtis Hall of Olin Russell, Detroit, who is in charge of the show. The new models are now being displayed.

"Our sales are also much greater than those during the past several years," Mr. Hall says. "A far larger proportion of our visitors remain to become buyers of the new models, than in previous years."

The new type of brakes with cable and conduit control is proving one of the outstanding features of the 1937 Ford V-8, according to Curtis Hall. The "rear chop" streamlining, resembling the styling of the Lincoln Zephyr, is also meeting with much approval. The lines of the body flow from the radiator grille, through the graceful hood and into the slatted V-type hood and the engine in the reverse curve of the rear.

A choice of two motors is given in the new models, a new 60-horsepower motor known as the "economy" engine, and the regular 85-horsepower V-8 type on which the improvements have been made.

Seats in the new Ford are wide and soft-cushioned, making for even greater comfort of passengers. The starter button is in the rear of the car, and conveniently placed under the panel at the left of the driver.

## EASTERN STAR INSTALLS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

At the public installation of the officers of the O. E. S. No. 238, on Tuesday evening, Mrs. H. S. Sanderson of Pontiac was the installing officer. Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Ida Storms, past matrons of the Farmington lodge, were the installing marshalls. Mrs. Viola Gilmeister, another past matron was the installing chantrelle. A program preceded the installation. A quartet, composed of Mrs. Lenore Gilmeister, Mrs. Ida Worsfold, Mrs. Ruth Miles and Mrs. Georgiana Bagwell sang "Sunshine." Mrs. Mary Jean McHenry, mother, Mrs. Mary Scott of Farmington, played a violin selection.

Miss Thelma LeRoy, of Royal Oak, accompanied by Mrs. Dunson and Mrs. Walker of Detroit, was the soloist during the installation. Mrs. Georgia Walters, the retiring worthy matron, was presented with a silver platter, gravy bowl and tray by the officers of the chapter. Another token of appreciation was a past matron's jeweled ring from the entire chapter.

Refreshments and a social time followed the program and the installation.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrok Percy of Big Rapids and Bud Percy of Columbus, Ohio, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. and Mrs. Roy Plimton and daughter Ann.

## M. E. Children's Village Has Many Blessings To Count

Thanksgiving is more than a one-day celebration at the Methodist Children's Village southeast of Farmington. It is a year-round habit of the 41 children and the staff who live there.

A visitor to the village is impressed with the many blessings which its inhabitants may count. The spacious 28-acre tract is the setting for the six cottages and administration building, all designed in the English style of architecture. A creek, fringed with willow trees, meanders through the grounds, forming an island in the center of the village.

The name of Miss Frances Knight is inseparably with that of the Methodist Children's Society. For it is Miss Knight who is director and planner of the present village.

Until 1929 the home was located on West Grand River avenue in Farmington. This structure was razed by fire during the past winter. Unable to take care of the large amount of work that needed to be done in the home, the staff was frequently assisted by organizations of Farmington women.

Aided by Farmingtonites when we gave bushel baskets full of stockings to Farmington women for them to raffle," recalls Miss Knight. "Just as in any normal home, there were times when we got behind in our work. It was then that our Farmington friends came to our aid."

Farmingtonites are continuing to show interest in the home, which is now located on Six Mile Road near Inkster Road. Miss Ernestine Pierce is director of the music activities at the village. Rev. Sidney D. Eva, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Farmington, is secretary of the society. Church groups and women's clubs frequently attend activities at the village.

The homes grouped together about a plaza south of the creek bear no resemblance to the usual orphanage. Each home has a mother and a mixed "family" of all ages. Although the buildings are built each is built in an individual style.

The mothers of the homes face problems the same as those confronting many mothers. The thin floor over the creek is a temptation to many of the boys who wish to test its strength. Consequently there have already been several who have been confined to their beds lest sickness follow their unexpected plunge into cold water.

Earn Spending Money. Those who wish to earn extra spending money are afforded the chance to do so by working in the Administration building. There they wait on tables, wash dishes, serve at teas, and find many other ways in which to help them earn money.

Children at the village are given a choice of clothing instead of wearing uniforms as is the practice in many such places. Boys wear corduroy knickers and jackets and the girls wear skirts and sweaters.

That the villagers are appreciative of their advantages is evidenced by their annual sacrifices at Christmas time. The village contributes its share to the Detroit Community Fund, which it turns aids in the support of the village. Last year the children voluntarily agreed to do without dessert and go without meat three days a week in order to save money to contribute to the fund. One boy sold part of a gift to contribute that he received in order to aid in the gift.

Education is a vital part of the daily village life. A school is maintained on the grounds for those who do not attend nearby schools. When one of the villagers becomes old enough to leave a trade he is sent away to school. There is always a waiting list of those wishing to adopt children.

Fame Spreads. The village is gaining national reputation as a model for similar projects. Miss Knight is often called upon to speak before charitable groups and explain the system which is meeting with such success at the home. Workers are loaned to orphanages which are trying to adopt a similar system.

Through the depression the expenses were always within the income. In an effort to secure more financial backing, Miss Knight is organizing the League of Children's Friends, which was organized in the White Gift, is made in all the Methodist Churches in Michigan for the upkeep of the village.

## Three Farmingtonites Successful in Deer Hunt

Three more Farmington hunters returned home this week from the north with a deer. Thelma Pauline was one of the successful ones, bringing back a buck weighing 170 pounds. Another hunter whose reputation month netted him a deer was Marcus Burrows.

Norman Lee returned with a buck that weighed 125 pounds. Homer Eisenlord, Bernard Banfield, Ralph Banfield, Norman Lee, Don Lee and Sandy Caplan made up the party. The hunt was being at Dyer Springs in Crawford County.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sprague were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russel, who were in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day.

## Five Miles Added To Mail Routes

Over five miles will be added to the mail routes of the Farmington Post Office, bringing daily postal service to approximately 150 homes beginning on Tuesday, December 1.

The area which will be delivered is the Clarenceville district between Grand River avenue and Eight Mile Road, according to Postmaster Norman Lee. A small extension will be made on Tuck Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads. The additions are made on Route No. 2.

The new route will include St. Francis, Colwell, Independence, Onondago, Cambridge, Waldon, Hancock, Hamilton, Rockwell, Washington, Jackson, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Wilson avenues. It is estimated that there are 125 homes in this area that will be affected.

There are approximately 25 homes that will receive daily service on Tuck Road, between Seven and Eight Mile Roads.

The new extension will be the second made since Mr. Lee assumed the Farmington postmastership. The first one was made in 1934 when 500 homes are included at the Children's Hospital of Michigan and the Sarah Fisher Home.

The additions will bring the total distance covered by the Farmington carriers to 93 miles. Forty-three miles are included in Route 1 for which W. Eldred is carrier. The territory served by this route lies north of Grand River avenue and south of Fourteen Mile Road, between Inkster and Halsted Roads. The Clarenceville addition is not included in this route. There are approximately 450 homes served in this area.

On Route 2 carried by Mrs. Ethel Middlewood are 850 homes receiving postal delivery in a distance of 50 miles. The territory included in this route extends from Nowt on the west to the Angling Road on the east and south of Grand River avenue as far as Six Mile Road. Also included in Mrs. Middlewood's route is the Clarenceville extension.

Special delivery service is now given to all patrons living in Farmington or within a radius of one mile from the city. Special deliveries on the rural routes are made by the rural carriers.

## SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. OLGA MEABROD

Services were held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Olga Merrithew Meabrod of Farmington who died Monday evening after an illness of two years duration.

Mrs. Meabrod, a daughter of Leland Wesley and Inez Merrithew was born at Brighton in 1892. Her early life was spent in Brighton where she attended the public schools. After her graduation from high school she moved to Detroit. She remained there until 1922 when she moved to her home at Shiloh and Inkster Roads, Farmington.

Those who survive the deceased are her husband, Edward Meabrod; three children, Mrs. Helen Porter of Farmington, Hazel and Edward who live at Farmington; and Mrs. Helen Merrithew of Detroit; four brothers, Orley, Irving, Lloyd and Frank Merrithew; and two sisters, Mrs. Mable Bitten and Mrs. Esther Sharp.

The funeral was held at the Northrup Funeral Parlor in Farmington, Michigan, on Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a. m. Interment was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

## WILL BEGIN UNION SERVICES AT LIVONIA CHURCH

Union services will begin at the Union Church at Five Mile and Farmington Roads, Livonia township, on Sunday, November 29. Church services and Bible school will be held under the direction of Rev. Gilbert A. Miles of the Farmington Baptist Church. The services will be non-sectarian. The public is cordially invited by Rev. Miles to attend.

## NINETY-SIX ATTEND MASON'S ROLL CALL

Ninety-six members of the Farmington Lodge, F. & M., No. 151, responded early and by presence to the Roll Call held Monday evening. The lodge participated in a round-up which was held by all of the lodges in Michigan. The evening was spent in a social manner, refreshments being served late in the evening.