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THE VICE-PRESIDENT in charge of cheers, is giving three lusty ones this week for Elliot Taylor, star of the all-victorious Farmington Falcons, who won an end-point on the All-State Class B team. Nice going, Elliot.

WINTER... spared no punches when it finally arrived, for all at once it was here. It was a beautiful week that greeted us on Monday morning, all blanketed in white—of course some could not help but think of the tedious shoveling that was in store, but it was still lovely to look at. Undoubtedly some of our country-folks had their difficulties getting out for the roads were pretty had and on Tuesday morning, after the snow had drifted, they were considerably worse.

CHRISTMAS... is coming to Farmington, with an occasional Christmas tree appearing here and there in homes about town, not to mention the tree at Grimes Cleaners, which adds a bright, holiday note to the main intersection.

A TRIP... into Detroit, where the lovely white snow almost immediately became dirty and slushy, makes one really appreciate our little city. It's nice to live close enough to a large city to be able to enjoy the advantages it offers, but it is so nice to get back home away from "its" distractions, too.

STEP ON IT... but, for Christmas is only a little over a week away, and if you've still some shopping to do



before you're ready to play Santa there is precious little time left. It doesn't seem possible to us, either, but nevertheless, that is the way it is.

THAT PERT... little cutter one may see about Farmington these snowy days, is driven by Mrs. W. J. Spicer, and is really quite the envy of all. Shades of our grandfathers—or something.

A NEW ADDITION... to the Civic Theatre is the sleek and modern door as one enters, which tells what the free gift of Fire King Glassware is going to be. This gift goes to every lady on Wednesday and Thursday evening, and by the sign she may now find out, in advance, what will be given away each week.

COMMISSION ACCEPTS PLAN OF HILLCREST SUB

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission was held Wednesday evening at the City Hall.

C. Dix appeared before the Commission, asking installation of a street light on Cass Avenue, between Grand River and Shawwassee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bagnall, the Commission voted to accept the plan of Hillcrest Sub-division, improvements to be completed as soon as practicable, and to be completed by July 1, 1945.

S/Sgt. Paul G. Mench is now home on furlough and will spend the holidays with his parents on Eight Mile Road.

First Gift Swells Home Fund

Contributions May Be Made Now

The proposed drive to raise funds for building the Memorial Home, under the sponsorship of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion is being well received, according to reports coming in from the Legionnaires.

To start the contribution drive off, the Farmington State Bank has given their check for \$500.00, but for one of the most worthwhile causes. Several other business houses and individuals have pledged generous support of the drive.

Everyone will want to make a contribution to the drive, as it is being received now in the armed forces. For this home, when erected, will serve all returning veterans, giving them a place of their own, where they may feel free to come and go as they choose, hold all meetings and social affairs, and have a center at which visiting service men will be assured a hearty welcome.

The home will benefit not only service men, however, for it will also serve as a long-needed community center.

Booklets describing the memorial home more fully, setting forth the plans and aims of the Memorial Home Association, and outlining the means of financing, are now being drawn up, and will be ready for distribution in the near future.

Contributions may be left with Joseph DeVriendt at the Farmington City Hall, with Howard G. Kasperbocker at the Farmington State Bank, or with any known Legionnaire. No contribution is too small to assist in this wonderful tribute to our boys.

Contract Let For Addition

Work on the addition to the Clarenceville High School will get going immediately, following the letting of the contract Tuesday evening, to the Atkin-Ford Company of Detroit. The school board voted to accept the company's bid of \$57,555, including all construction, electrical work, plumbing and fuel piping. This figure is approximately \$3,000 less than it had been anticipated.

Bids ranged all the way from the Atkin-Ford figure to nearly \$70,000. Including architectural cost of the addition will total \$61,102.48, which will be paid out of the bond issue of \$32,000, and the Federal grant of \$28,000.

The new addition will greatly relieve the crowded condition in the Clarenceville Schools and help to more adequately care for increased enrollment.

Obituaries

Alice Hatfield of 23655 Miller Road passed away Monday evening, December 11, at the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. She had been ill for the past year.

Mrs. Hatfield was born March 1, 1913, at Palmsdale, Michigan, the daughter of Charles and Henrietta Palmer. She was married July 11, 1935, to James C. Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield had lived in Farmington Township for the last four years.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the Thayer Funeral Home, with Rev. Fred Fisher of the Farmington Baptist Church officiating. Burial was made in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Hatfield besides her husband are three children, James Robert, 8, Jerry Lee, 5, and Joyce Ann, 3. Also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, and four sisters and four brothers survive.

Marshall Davis of Twelve Mile and Power Roads, passed away Wednesday evening. The body is at the Heeneey Funeral Home, pending completion of funeral arrangements.

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PURCHASES BONDS

The Sixth War Loan Drive in Oakland County received quite a boost this week when the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club bought \$10,000 in Bonds. The Club had organized this money for planning to construct a new building, and voted to put it into Bonds during the Sixth War Loan, the Bonds being "ear-marked" for a post-war building.

With this money it is possible for the Club to provide, and a piece of essential war equipment, an airplane for transporting wounded soldiers from combat areas, back to hospitals.

Vice-president of Farmington is vice-president of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, and is the Editor of Pontiac is the president.

JUNIOR HIGH HAS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

It's basketball time again for Farmington Junior High School. Twenty-three boys' basketball teams in eight-team league in the very near future. Prospective basketball stars of Farmington High are looking forward to their season with great gusto. The high school coaches are planning a schedule with other schools in the area. Various these games are sometimes played between halves of the varsity games. The intramural program will be run off during gym classes, noon hour and after school. Mr. Daniels of the high school is in charge of the program. He had charge of a similar program while teaching at Manistee High School and is well qualified for the job.

The team captains and members are busy having tryouts and selecting team names. The teams in the league is unknown at this time, but the boys, large or small, will be sure to give their all any time they are on the floor. Many of the boys who are playing on this year's Farmington reserve team were only last year on senior team. The team is excited with this incentive in mind that the Junior High teams put on such a good show when any two given teams click.

The captains, players and team names are as follows: Commandos: Herbert Deubel, captain; Alfred Hadaeh, Clark Bates, Jim Whitman, Fred Steinhilber, Dick Bowman, Art Pulcher, Dick Louys and Jim Dietrich. Raw Deal: Owen Mitchell, captain; Ed Bryant, Joe Layman, Lee Tyler, John Amberger, George Brunk, Jim LaPresse, Donald Diehr, Leonard Thomas and Cass Howard.

Blue Ribbon: Chuck Markham, captain; George Barrow, Dick Wheeler, Raymond Sherman, Pat Bradley, Frank Con, Dick Beam, Helicasts: Fred McLean, captain; Herbert Lucas and Walter Barlow. Jim Van Every, Wally Stever, Don LeDoux, John Hays, Jerry Sullivan, David Robertson, Jip White and Jerry Bruner.

Flying Tigers: Junior Nichols, captain; Dick Martindale, Homer Cate, Bruce Yankee, George Goers, Bob Pleger, Bob Schroeder, Bob Robertson and Don Humphrey. Forest Rangers: Dick Tupper, captain; Bill Goers, Bud Brad, James Ratliff, Robert Erickson, Bill O'Connor, Ernest Hoffmann, Ed David Hopkins and Ralph Horton.

Flying Tigers: Ernest Hadaeh, captain; Bob Layland, Jerry Fife, Jim Yull, Fred Peters, Millard Taylor, Paul Estep, George Robinson and Ronald Hays.

KIWANIS CLUB TO GIVE PARTY AT HOSPITAL

Farmington Kiwanians held a business meeting on Wednesday evening in place of their usual program.

Next week Wednesday the ladies will be guests at the dinner at the Salem Evangelical Church, and immediately afterwards will go to the Detroit Children's Hospital where the Kiwanis Club will present a Christmas party for the children at the hospital.

Honor Roll Students Named

The honor roll of Farmington High School, for the second marking period, has just been announced by high school principal V. O. Bates.

Honor students are as follows: Ninth Grade: James Deall, Phillip Bunge, Thelma Collins, Doris Crook, Carol Early, Inez English, Pat Everly, Delores Garvey, Virginia Gouge, Elaine Henke, Frances Houch, Marjorie Hunt, Patricia Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Rosalee Kemp, Peggy Labadie, Janet Louys, Janet Pregel, Mary Pasenok, John Pettibone, Ann Pierce, Janet Kitch, Sally Roseberry, Lawrence Scott, Romayne Stasek, June Toth, Donna Turney, Marilyn Vivier, Eileen Whitehead, Marie Young.

Tenth Grade: Joan Adams, Shirley Ault, Bob Chesley, Helen Early, Marge Fisher, Doris Green, Bob Harbourne, Margaret Hatch, Laura Hutton, Carol Joy, Don Kobman, Pat Munro, Elsa Nystrom, Helen Sapienza, Dorothy Smith, Marguerite Wedin, Pat Wheeler.

Eleventh Grade: Jean Anderson, John Brennan, Margaret Brown, David Carley, Lois Carpenter, William Daines, Virginia Erickson, Allan Garchow, Eunice Garchow, Bertha Hanson, Robert Herbert, Milton Heywood, Betty Hunt, Elizabeth Johnson, Robert Miller, Theophil Muhlus, Bob McLean, Martin Osing, Robert Pasenok, Margaret Priek, Janet Robertson, Marjorie Shroder, Nancy Smith, Aurora Tipu, Margaret Weller.

Twelfth Grade: Zae AschenBrenner, Bernice Calkins, Pauline Early, Lois Goers, Sue Goodrich, Priscilla Griffin, Fred Hamlin, Charles Locker, Joyce Lussenden, Lorraine Miner, Conchetta Orfino, Shirley Orosmyer, Ruth Peters, Jean Power, Tom Rosenberg, Marion Rowland, Joyce Samuelson, Erva Sills, Gloria Smith, Mary Taddeo, Clyde Vandenburgh, Betty-Winters, Myrtle Lokum, Pat Young.

REV. BUSCHING WRITES OF RELIGIOUS WORK

Rev. Howard C. Busching, former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Farmington, is now minister of the Bayly Downs United Church in Vancouver, Washington, and also is Coordinator for the Council of Churches in all the government housing areas of Vancouver.

In a letter recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Calkins of the interesting work in which he and Mrs. Busching are engaged. With eight church groups and about fifteen Sunday Schools under his charge, says Rev. Busching, he has practically every minute of his time occupied. Mrs. Busching serves as librarian for the churches.

As yet, there is no church building at Bagley Downs because it is a new and rapidly growing residential district. All services and programs are held in the recreation building, and the entire system is interdenominational and inter-racial.

Religious work in the housing areas has been delegated by the housing authority to the Vancouver Council of Churches, which in turn has approved the Bagley Downs United Church. The church sets up its own organization and carries on its services and activities through the church council and Sunday School board, following the policies set up by the council.

On the social side, Rev. Busching reports that fishing and hunting are good in the Columbia River region, and that there is a haven for the outdoor sportsman.

Bruce, the Buschings' young son for whose health they moved to the Washington climate, has benefited greatly and now has almost completely recovered from his respiratory ailment.

Rev. Busching's home address is 22 Cedar Drive, Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schroeder were guests at a dinner for sixteen at the home of Mrs. William Merritt on Monte Vista Avenue, Detroit, Saturday evening, November 18. The guests were all old friends and spent a most enjoyable evening.

P.T.A. SPEAKER



AUSTIN GRANT

In keeping with the Christmas season, the Farmington Parent Teachers Association is presenting their December program for the enjoyment of the entire community, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Austin Grant, well known lecturer of WWJ, will speak on "Outkinking Frontiers of Tomorrow."

Mr. Grant is a member of our community, having bought the Schram home on Powers Road, just north of Ten Mile Road, and moving here with Mrs. Grant and their two small daughters, Cathy and Nancy, last May. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are looking forward to the pleasure of meeting Farmington people during the social period following the program.

Other features will be Christmas carols and music by the Glee Club, and the second band, Ivar G. Anderson, who is a member of the Orpheus Choir, will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson. There will also be community singing of Christmas carols.

Refreshments and a pleasant time for all will follow the program.

Mrs. Elliot Tyler, mother vice-president of the P.T.A., is chairman of all the programs sponsored by the grade school. Working with her on this meeting are Mrs. V. O. Bates, 7th grade mother, and Mrs. Ivar G. Anderson, 8th grade mother.

Mr. Earl Vivier is refreshment chairman, and assisting her are Mrs. Walter Coon, Mrs. Richard Erickson, Mrs. Albert Beals, Mrs. Carl Goers and Mrs. Fred Maas.

Lloyd Smith is helping with the decorations.

All are working together in planning this program with the one hope that the people of the community will come and enjoy themselves, availing themselves of the opportunity to become better acquainted.

WOMAN'S CLUB ENJOYS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Farmington Woman's Club enjoyed their annual Christmas program last Wednesday afternoon at the Irish home on Grand River Avenue.

Community singing was enjoyed, and Mrs. Georgina Bagnall at the piano and Mrs. Viola Gildemester and Mrs. A. Stanley Stone sang as a duet, "Silent Night."

Poems and Christmas thoughts were given by members of the club, and a dramatic reading entitled "A Russian Christmas" was given by Mrs. William Lancaster.

Members voted to send the club's yearly contribution to the Oakland County Federation's daughter, Julia.

A miniature Christmas tree centered the table from which refreshments were served, and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Ralph Auten and Mrs. Leo Gildemester were chairman of the afternoon.

Representative Vote Cast At School Board Election

BARREL OF GIFTS SENT OFF FOR WOUNDED YANKS

A well filled barrel of gifts for wounded Yanks left Farmington Wednesday, for distribution in the hospitals. The gift collection, sponsored by Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary, was carefully packed, and sent to headquarters which will take care of the distribution.

L.T. DON COOLMAN REPORTED KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Second Lieutenant Don O. Coolman, husband of the former Theresa, Himmelpach and son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Coolman, 20418 Shadyside.

The telegram stated that Lt. Coolman was killed November 27, in Italy, in an aircraft crash. No other information has been received as yet.

Don was commissioned April 15 at Foster Field, Texas, and left for overseas duty about the 5th of October. He piloted a P-51 with the 15th Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolman have one other son in service, Sgt. Dean Coolman, also in the Air Force. He is a ball gunner, and is stationed in England.

The entire community extends their sympathy to his wife, and his family.

CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE IS ANNOUNCED

The World Wide Guild of the First Baptist Church will present a Christmas Vesper Service Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock. Friends of the congregation and community are cordially invited. Tea and wafers will be served to the guests following the service.

The regular Sunday evening service at the First Baptist Church will open with a piano recital by Mrs. Donald Scharchburg who was recently engaged by the church as pianist and choir director. Mrs. Scharchburg's program will consist of "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," Bourgeois; Bach; "After Sundown," by Motzart; Macdowell's "Scottish Fancies" by Nevin; "The Lord's Prayer," Malotte; "Moonlight Sonata," Adagio, Beethoven; and "He Leadeth Me," Bradbury-Kohlmann.

The Pastor will bring a meditation to conclude the evening. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

BOND BOOTHS REMAIN OPEN THIS WEEK

Although figures are not available for the sale of United States Defense Bonds to date during the Sixth War Loan Drive, a considerable increase in sales has been noted during the past week.

Women will continue to take care of your Bond applications at booths in the Post Office, Bank and Civic Theatre, during week, completing the drive on Sunday.

If you have not yet purchased your extra Bond for the Sixth War Loan Drive, won't you do so this week?

SALEM CHURCH WILL PRESENT SPECIAL MUSIC

Salem Evangelical Church announces the presentation of special music during the coming Christmas season. An unusual feature will be the appearance of a concert band. The choir will assist with a program of distinctive anthems and chorus selections. Members and friends of the church are urged to plan a fitting observance of the season by attendance at these services. Complete programs will be announced next week.

New Members Seem Well Qualified

A good vote was cast last Tuesday at the election for members of the board of education of Farmington Consolidated School District, despite adverse weather conditions. Balloting took place at Farmington Town Hall and the polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Guy Durgan, unopposed for election to the one-year term, received the greatest block of votes, 593. Mr. Durgan has been a resident of Farmington Township for about nine years, and has served on the District Four Board of Education for almost that entire period of time. He acted as Moderator of that board. Mr. Durgan is principal of Barbur Intermediate, in the Detroit school system.

Balloting to elect board members, to serve two-year terms, gave Paul Schreiber, 288; Isaac Bond, 221; Wendell Brown, 89, and Lta Stornum, 42.

Mr. Schreiber has served on the Farmington District 5 Board of Education for the past six years, most recently in the capacity of secretary. He is head of the Social Science Department at McKenzies High School in Detroit.

Mr. Bond has enjoyed a long record of service in the schools of the Township. For many years he was on the board of Nichols District Two, and helped to rebuild that school. As a committee of one, he chose Gilbert Nichols and Samuel Davis to work with him, and under their direction the rebuilding program was completed. Since 1926, when the Bond School was built, he has served on that board. The school having been named for him. He is a past president of the board, and served as secretary for 14 years.

Elected to serve three-year terms on the board are Dr. Z. K. AschenBrenner with 337 votes, and Jess A. Early, with 210 votes. Other receiving votes were Fred Wilkinson, 60; P. G. Slotterbeck, 58 and Gerald Bagnart, 49. Scattered votes were also cast for 13 other individuals.

Dr. AschenBrenner is well known throughout the community, and needs no introduction to members of the district. He is present president of the Farmington City and Township School Board, having served that body for many years.

Jess Early, 30435 Ten Mile Road, is newer to the community than any of the other board members, having moved to his present address in 1943 from Detroit. Mr. Early served as president of the school board for four terms, at Rock River School District, near Rockford, Illinois. He has been active in P.T.A. work at Noble School, serving as president of the organization since it was formed about a year ago, and is on the present Noble District school board. Mr. Early is a mechanical engineer, with the Farmington Steel Engineering Company in Detroit, and has three daughters in high school, and a daughter, four years old.

With the qualifications of the new board members, their experience, and their ability, there is little doubt but what the new board will cooperate completely to work for the best interests of all.

EARL VIVIER BUILDS ADDITION AND GARAGE

An addition to the Earl Vivier Service Station, at 32300 Grand River Avenue is now under construction. Mr. Vivier stated this week that the new addition will triple the space he has at the present, thus enabling him to give better, quicker service to his patrons, than is now possible due to cramped quarters.

Mr. Vivier has the Oldsmobile Agency in Farmington, but repairs all makes of automobiles and trucks, offering a complete repair service.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mitchell of Floral Park have received word from the U.S. Navy that they with the Merchant Marine in the Pacific, that he is ill with malaria at the present time.