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Falcons Take Third Victory

Redford Union Is Next Opponent

Last Friday the Farmington Falcons won the third straight victory of the season against a good basketball team from Wayne. It was evident that the Falcons had picked a strong opponent in the first quarter of the game, when no score was made, save a foul shot, and basket by Ronnie Bacon after four minutes of play.

A great deal of traveling was carried on in this quarter as the possession of the ball passed frequently between both teams. The Falcons and Coach Bob Hutson are to be complimented on the fool-proof defensive action they displayed. The Wayne team was literally tied up in knots when an attempt was made to bring the ball within shooting range of the basket.

In the second quarter both teams began to loosen up. Wayne completed three foul shots, and one basket, while the Falcons tallied five baskets. Tyler, Bacon and Hamlin were the sharpshooters in this outburst. Two substitutions were made in this quarter. Bob Miller for Corky DeVriendt, and Dave Carley for Elliot Tyler. At the end of the half the score stood at five points for Wayne, against Farmington's 13 points.

The famed Farmington Corn Band, organized by members of the Farmington High School Band, came forth to entertain the throngs at the half. They presented a hashed-up form of a march, a rendition of Jingle Bells, and let Don Kobman take a ride on his licorice stick with a few bars of Blue Skies.

With cries from the crowd, for more music still echoing across the gym, the teams came trotting on the floor. The third quarter proved as exciting as the preceding for both teams fought hard for opening. Wayne was the first to take advantage of their opportunities, which came after three minutes of play, and they sank a basket. Corky DeVriendt followed up by sinking one to the Falcons' credit.

The scores mounted, but AschenBrenner also did their duties at the opportune moments, leaving the Falcons with a nice lead of 15 to 8.

In the last quarter both teams seemed to drop their defense and apply themselves completely offensively. The scores mounted higher and higher as both teams sank baskets after basket. But AschenBrenner committed his fifth foul with two and a half minutes left in the game, and was sent to the showers. Bob Miller substituted for Corky DeVriendt, and Don Ferguson for Fred Hamlin. As the final whistle blew, the score added up to 33-15 in Farmington's favor. The game was hard fought and an excellent exhibition of basketball skills.

Next Friday the Farmington team comes up against Redford Union in a league game here.

LYLE RICKRODE KILLED IN GERMANY

Word has been received here of the death of Pfc Lyle R. Rickrode, 23, the son of Howard and Mary Rickrode, 22029 Farmington Road. Pfc Rickrode was killed in action somewhere in Germany, on November 20.

The Rickrodes have several other children, including a son, Don, who is in the Navy and at present is in the Southwest Pacific.

The community extends deepest sympathy to the family.

Woman's Club To Meet At Warner Home

The Farmington Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner on Grand River Avenue. This will be guest day, and an outstanding outside speaker has been secured for the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Haff and children spent Christmas with Mr. Haff's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, at Vermontville.

Fire Destroys Taylor Garage

The worst fire to occur in this vicinity in a long while was that which broke out late Wednesday afternoon at the Jaka Taylor Chevrolet garage at Walled Lake. A call came to Farmington about six o'clock, asking assistance, and the Farmington truck, along with the fire apparatus from Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, battled the blaze.

Fumes from gasoline, which was near some paint, caused the fire, which, because of the intensity of the heat, spread rapidly. Six automobiles in the garage added to the conflagration and for a time the whole business district of Walled Lake was endangered.

Taylor's garage was completely destroyed, and Nook's Hardware was also severely damaged. The loss of the garage is a serious loss, not only to Mr. Taylor, but to all of Walled Lake, for the business was the only garage in Walled Lake, and Mr. Taylor has steadily maintained service automobiles of Walled Lake residents in operation.

RED CROSS UNIT TO PURCHASE LEADER DOG

Mr. and Mrs. LaPrese of Edmore Drive were hosts to a general party held by the Red Cross Unit 63, Oakland Valley. The party was a huge success, and the response to this needy cause has been overwhelming to this small group.

Fifteen active members have accomplished a cash total of \$350.20, plus a hundred dollar check from an interested Detroit firm. The unit hopes to purchase a leader dog for a blind service man.

The table prizes were presented by A. L. Brun, a friend of the unit, and consisted of a pair of hand applied tea towels and holders for each table. The thanks and appreciation of the unit go to Mrs. Brun for this lovely contribution.

CHECK OF HEATING SYSTEM IS ADVISED

The Farmington fire department has been called to answer several calls this week. The cool weather, as usual, accounts for overheated stoves and chimneys.

Please carefully inspect your heating system to make sure that no fire hazards are present, and then watch your fire to see that it does not get too much of a head start. Fire is responsible for great property damage each year, and often times a bit of caution will prevent it.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Warner Thursday, December 21.

THEY'RE ON UNCLE SAM'S TEAM



Official Photo, USAAF - Carrying the Ball in the "Bond Bowl" at the Scott Field, Illinois, AAF Training Command radio school, these 11 men, each of whom purchased at least \$1,000 worth of bonds in the Sixth War Loan Drive. Although Lieutenant Richard C. Mizerski of Chicago, former Notre Dame player, is the only one with big time football experience, this team's looks might go to Coach Uncle Sam. The figure on the ball, \$18,475, represents the total amount subscribed by these eleven men.

POST OFFICE PROVES EQUAL TO MAIL RUSH

The Farmington Post Office and postal employees are to be congratulated on the manner in which the Christmas mail rush was handled this year.

Although the mail was heavier than ever before, to both the incoming and outgoing departments, it was handled with comparative ease, and cleared through the post office in record time.

Postmaster Leo said much of the credit is due people who heeded the repeated warning to "Mail early," and this helped avoid a last minute jam. Regular postal employees were assisted by temporary employees, and due to the fact that there are no sickness this year, little confusion was encountered.

The mail remained heavy for a few days immediately after Christmas, but has now returned to about the normal volume.

Masons Install New Officers

Officers who will direct the affairs of the Farmington Masons Lodge for the ensuing year were installed last Monday evening. Past Master Schwab of Detroit, acting as installing officer.

Following the installation a program was presented by the music department of Clarenceville High School, under the direction of Arthur Mann. Refreshments were served.

New officers are Uao Danielson, Worshipful Master; Herb Bond, Senior Warden; Charles Lussen, Junior Warden; Charles E. King, Senior Deacon; Robert Hubert, Junior Deacon; Eddie Alexander, secretary; Arthur Lamb, treasurer; Al Ross, chaplain; Ralph Auten, Tyler; Amos Otis, Marshal; Les Eger, senior steward and Fred Cooley, Junior steward.

Mr. Alexander, the new secretary, replaces James L. Hogle, who has served as secretary of the lodge for the past forty years. Mr. Hogle, and John Thayer, also a member of the lodge for many years, were honored by Brother Masons recently, and both were presented with beautiful smoking jackets.

NEW GASOLINE COUPONS ARE NOW GOOD

B-6 and C-6 gasoline coupons, good for five gallons each, are now being issued by the Detroit district office and are valid, according to W. E. Fitzgerald, Detroit district director. The Detroit OPA office announced at the same time that B-4 and C-4 gasoline coupons would not be accepted by gasoline stations after December 31, 1941. Fourth quarter T gasoline coupons will also expire for consumers on December 31, 1941.

NAVIGATOR



WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Second Lieutenant William D. Campbell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Sr., 23221 Greening, was one of several hundred navigation cadets who will silver navigator wings and Army Air Forces commissions at the huge AAF Training Command airbase at Hondo, Texas. Graduation speaker Capt. Edward M. Gervasio, veteran of the air war against the Japanese, stressed that success in aerial combat depends upon alert teamwork in the bomber crew and top physical conditioning.

The graduates, representing almost every state in the Union, have just completed 12 weeks of strenuous air and ground training at Hondo Field, first United States airbase built exclusively for training navigators.

The curriculum at Hondo Field embraces many aspects of combat flying learned earlier in the war by American airmen, and their Allies in various theaters of combat. A newly-commissioned officer at the big training installation is thoroughly skilled in guiding a bomber's crew to enemy targets day and night, in fair or inclement weather. He has flown more than 15,000 practice miles in twin-engine training ships. His navigation methods are radio, celestial, pilotage and dead reckoning.

Col. Charles H. Dowman, Hondo Field Commanding Officer, presented his congratulations during the ceremony, which was staged in the Post Theater. The Hondo Field graduates received silver navigator wings and commissions as either flight officers or second lieutenants.

Seabees Mark Anniversary

Clarence F. Lange, 2M 1/2 of the Seabees, now serving overseas, has requested the Enterprise to print the following item, commemorating the birthday of the Seabees on December 28.

The third anniversary of the "workhorses, fightingest bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 28 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 8000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3000 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

Every commissioned Construction Battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty; many battalions are on their second tours. Seventy six per cent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee chief Vice-Admiral Ben Moreell, "The only trouble with your Seabees is that is you don't have enough of them!"

Mr. Curtis Hill, who has been confined to Eastlawn Sanatorium since he was returned to his home on Wilmarth Avenue.

Dr. AschenBrenner Named To Head New School Board

TREASURERS NOW COLLECTING CURRENT TAXES

Taxes are now due and payable for property in both the City and Township. Township Treasurer Clayton Goers is collecting taxes daily, at the Township office in the Farmington Town Hall, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. City Treasurer Avis Jamison is at the City Hall daily, and all city taxes may be paid to her.

Memorial Fund Grows Steadily

The Legionnaires of Groves-Walker Post No. 345 of Farmington, are well pleased with the response they are receiving from the people of the community in their drive to raise \$20,000 by popular subscription, to provide funds for the erection of the Veterans Memorial Home.

Letters are now in the mail to many Farmington residents, explaining in detail the need for the Home, outlining the plans for financing, and giving an explanation of how the Legion proposes to use the Memorial Home. At the bottom of each letter is a subscription blank, which may be filled out and returned to the Post, with your contribution. It will greatly facilitate matters, and speed up the drive, if as many as possible will make their contribution in this manner, rather than waiting until it is necessary to make a personal contact.

Joseph DeVriendt, chairman of the building committee, reported this week that many small contributions are coming in all the while now, and these will greatly swell the fund. It is anticipated that a nucleus of the business section will soon be made, in order to secure the contributions from the merchants.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES SENT TO JAPANESE POW

Unloading of the first shipment of American Red Cross relief supplies received in Japan since 1943, and completion of plans for distribution to American and Allied prisoners of war, were announced today by Basil O'Connor, national chairman.

Plans for distribution included sending 15 per cent of the total cargo or approximately 45,000 parcels and appropriate amounts of other supplies to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Philippine Islands. Supplies for captive Americans in Japan proper were to be distributed in November.

Announcement of these developments followed receipt at American Red Cross National Headquarters of the plan for distribution from the Japanese delegate of the International Committee of Red Cross.

Supplies unloaded at Kobe, Japan, included 200,000 American and Canadian Red Cross standard food parcels as well as clothing, medicine, and other supplies. This was the first shipment sent from the United States to the Far East via a Russian port, and like the two earlier shipments made by other routes, supplies from the British and American Red Cross societies will be pooled for Allied prisoners of all nationalities.

The food parcels in this shipment were specially prepared to include more protein and less starch than those sent to Germany, as escaped prisoners from the Far East have reported a disproportionate amount of starch in the Japanese rations.

The shipment via Russia came as a result of months of negotiation involving the governments of the United States, Russia, and Japan regarding safe conduct guarantees and other problems of shipment.

Paul Schreiber And Guy Durgan Are Other Officers

Members who were recently elected to serve on the Board of Education of the Farmington Consolidated School District met, in accordance with legal requirements, on Tuesday evening for the purpose of naming officers of the district.

Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner was elected president, Paul Schreiber is secretary and Guy Durgan is treasurer. The two remaining board members are Isaac Bond and Jess Early.

On January 3 and 4, all officers of the district which have been joined by the consolidation will turn over their books and records to the new board, under the supervision of a representative from the Michigan State Department of Public Instruction.

The first Tuesday evening of each month has been designated as the regular meeting date of the board of education. During January, however, this will not hold true, due to the fact that records will not yet have been placed in the hands of the new board. The next meeting, therefore, will be held Tuesday evening, January 9, but in the future all meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise specifically designated.

Obituaries

Patsy Frazer Patsy Frazer, 13, passed away at her home Friday morning, December 22. She had been sick since September with dropsy and heart disease.

Patsy, christened Patricia Louise, was born in Farmington Township March 17, 1931, and had lived in this community her entire life. She was in the seventh grade at Noble School, but was unable to attend school this year. She was popular with her classmates and well liked by all who knew her.

Patsy was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frazer, 21506 Middlebelt Road, and is survived, besides her parents, by six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 24, at two o'clock from the Spencer E. Healey Funeral Home, Rev. W. J. Prisk officiating. Burial took place at Clarenceville Cemetery.

Sandra Lee Gow

Sandra Lee Gow, the three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gow, 18568 Filmore, Livonia Township, passed away Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held at the Healey Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gow have five other children.

Mrs. Sherman Yerks

Mrs. Minnie Yerks, wife of Sherman Yerks, passed away Thursday afternoon, December 14, in St. Joseph Hospital, Chatham, Ontario. She had been in failing health for over six months, and seriously ill for a week preceding her death.

Born in Farmington 46 years ago, Mrs. Yerks spent 33 years in this community. She moved from Farmington in 1931, and lived at Warren, moving to Chatham about two years ago. She was of a quiet and kindly disposition, and devoted to her home and family. She was a member of the Chatham Baptist Church.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Yerks is survived by her father, Don Meyers of Farmington, one daughter, Mrs. Elgin Pletsch, and one grandson, Elgin Bernhard Pletsch of Chatham.

The remains were at the Needham Memorial Chapel, Chatham, where funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, at two o'clock, with burial in Maple Leaf Cemetery, Chatham.

THIS LITTLE FELLOW... to Mr. 1945, and he's off to a pretty jaunty start. Let's hope all those things he carries in his little bag



will be good—we could stand a few pleasant surprises, I'm sure. Anyway, here's wishing you all a very, very Happy New Year!

SOME FIND... in all the snow we're not getting. There are those who have vast areas, which must be shoveled—they find no good in it—and there are those who must do a lot of driving in order to carry on their business, and to boot, with a lot of walking—yet, perhaps, they are not very happy about the snow. But the joy and elation of the kids' completely outshines any grumbling on the part of their elders. Here is a golden opportunity to make use of the skates, sleds, skis and toboggans which the kids have been itching to use. It's been quite a while since we've had such a fall of snow for them to enjoy—and there's no school this week, either, so they can devote all their energies to having fun out-of-doors.

THE WREATHS... and lights in the windows at Botsford Tavern lent a very Christmasy touch to the community, and a visit to the inn surely fills one with a feeling of pride and gratitude to Mr. Ford, who has been so generous in its restoration and immaculate upkeep. Mrs. Ketcham, the new manager, and charming hostess, stilled their approximately 300 guests were served on Christmas Day. It is certainly an asset to the community to have such a lovely spot so close to our city.

QUEER NOISES... these days should cause no concern at all for maybe they are caused only by that new rum, or "squeeze-box" or some other contraption that Santa Claus left. After a week or so, when the novelty has worn off, mother and dad will be able to somewhat quiet their nerves, but this week they'll take it and say nothing.

RETURNING HOME... are a few of Farmington's service men who have been overseas for quite some time—and we're mighty glad to hear that they are back. Jim Ryall is home now, and Dick Barrons is still about, as are Ray McCurdy and Ray Mahaney—they certainly brought a "ray" of sunshine to the holidays for their families.

AS WE TEAR... the sheet off the calendar for the month of December, we also end



Precise Employees Are Entertained

Employees of Precise Tool Company, and the Precise plant at Midland, were entertained Saturday evening at a Christmas party, held at Huck's Redford Inn.

Following the dinner, entertainment was furnished, and all report a most enjoyable evening.

Keeps Flowers In Place A paper dolly placed atop a vase will keep cut flowers in place. Just push stems through openings in dolly