

# SPENCER HENNEY'S CHRISTMAS



## Around The Block

**THIS IS...**  
the time of year when the whole clan returns to spend a few days together again for old time's sake. But the strangest case of the returning wayfarer we've heard comes from Mrs. Spencer Henney. It seems that the Henney cat, a five year old straw-colored blonde Persian, left home last May. With no warning, the cat reappeared at the Henney home last Friday, undoubtedly returning in time for the annual Yuletide catnip mouse. Gone for five months, and didn't even send a postcard.

**A BUG WAS...**  
put in our ear last week, and we're passing it along for what it's worth. Mrs. Ervin F. Plettenberg phoned us last week a little too late for that issue, but we're telling you the story now. It seems that a group has been organized for the purpose of making bandages, etc., for the Cancer Society. Having run a little short on material, they're asking folks for old white goods — sheets, pillow cases, shirts, etc. This is truly remarkable. These people aren't asking to dig down in the shallow pocket for more of that long green; all they want is our old white goods. Seems a simple request to fulfill.

**AMONG THE...**  
pretty little places we've noticed have sprung some of that Christmas atmosphere are Clarence Barber's plumbing shop and Milotte's Flower Shop. Milotte's has some of that greenery draped over the door and illuminated quite prettily with colored lights. And Barber's has a festive Santa Claus perched aside a thoroughly trimmed Christmas tree, all behind a snow-decked window. Entirely Christmas — and definitely worth stopping the car for. The way our town has blossomed up with Christmas finery this year is outstanding. There isn't a shop from Eight Mile Road to Novi that doesn't have something new and different in the way of handsome decoration.

**ALTHOUGH...**  
we're rapidly using up the page marked December, and the weather has been the warm dry atmosphere of August, once again the local fire laddies have been called out to extinguish grass fires. Happened last Saturday about 1:25 p.m. Within the space of ten minutes, the boys had to hop aboard their red truck and light out for a fire at the corner of 10 Mile and Middlebelt, and then again at Cloverdale and Maple. Grass fires in December, snow one day and rain the next remind us of something somebody once said about Michigan weather — don't frost that off; wait five minutes and it will change.

**WE'VE PUT ASIDE...**  
this little corner down here at the bottom to wish you and yours the merriest Christmas you've ever had. And that comes from the whole gang — Vic Howard, the bossman out back; Roy Erdmann, the fellow who makes the little pieces; Russ Baker, who fits the little pieces together; Frank Johnson, who helps with more of the little pieces; Ed Rogers, who provides us with illustrations; Inez Edgar, the voice with a Sultie on the other side of the business desk; Ernie Hickman, the man who takes the camera; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tagg, and Jim Tagg, the folks who make sure you get your paper somehow each week. Have a good big Merry Christmas from us, won't you?

## Plan Adult Sports At Clarenceville

Starting Thursday, January 5, the Clarenceville Recreation Commission will have charge of the program. In the afternoon recreation program in the Clarenceville gymnasium.

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## NOBLE SCHOOL PLAY SHOWS TRUTH DAMAGING

Truthful children, in addition to being honest, can be embarrassing relatives, the Noble Parent-Teachers Association learned Monday night at a special Christmas program held at the new school on the West Side Road.

A two act play in which a boy used to telling "whoppers" became the purveyor of unmitigated truth in the first quarter and half the second quarter. The traditional Christmas pageant was the second half.

The special program followed the business meeting of the PTA group. Mrs. Garfield McDade, fifth grade teacher, directed the boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades who composed the entire company of pageant and play, including the men and the women.

Prior to the play, the noble PTA in its business meeting voted \$75 to the school to provide materials for a Christmas tree in each room. It also authorized the purchase of 10 Christmas trees.

In the play, a 15-year old boy, naturally inclined and aided by the boy policy of telling the truth, caused the family embarrassment when his father's opinion of unwelcome Christmas guests was predicted from him, consistent with the boy policy of telling the truth.

Satisfied again of telling whoppers when he exposed the nefarious exploits of a spoiled cousin, the boy was finally absolved from blame when an eavesdropping adult informed the rest of the family of the lad's statements. As a result, the father learned to curb a loose tongue, the boy got his reward for Christmas, and the spoiled cousin received a long-needed spanking.

**IT'S A GIRL!**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Banfield, of 21508 Waldron, have announced the birth of a baby girl, Nancy Lou, who tipped the scales at 6 pounds 11 ounces. She made her appearance at Sessions Hospital.

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**"DON'T FORGET** the roller skates!" little Karen Ann Erdmann, 5, tells Santa Claus. And Santa, a trifle confused by the double image, makes a note to double that order. Twin sister Sharon Lee, fascinated by the pre-Christmas visit from old St. Nick, pauses to catch her breath.

The girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Erdmann of 24812 Farmington Road, were paid a check-up visit by Santa last Thursday evening. Other young Farmingtonites will get a pre-Christmas preview of the jolly gentleman when he rides into Farmington Saturday afternoon.

## Township Zoning Board Holds Organization Meeting

### New Record Set At Farmington Post Office

This is a record Christmas for the Farmington Post Office according to Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster.

Since December 1, the Post Office has handled the largest volume of mail and packages in its history. Lee stated Tuesday afternoon that 16,573 more cancellations had been run through the Post Office than last year. This means 46,873 pieces of mail, not counting parcel post. The Postmaster added that parcel post has also been way over any previous Christmas period.

A total of 21 temporary carriers and clerks have been working night and day to keep up with the record flow of Christmas mail and packages. Lee announced Tuesday that they would keep even with the incoming and outgoing mail and deliveries are the most heaviest volume has been reached.

### Moseman Appointed Chairman Of Newly Created 4-Man Board

The first meeting of the newly created Zoning Board for Farmington Township was held in the Farmington Town Hall with Mr. Edward Moseman being appointed chairman.

All four members of the Zoning Board appeared before the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board and then retired to an adjoining room in the hall for their initial meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to select a chairman and set up a schedule of meetings for working out the preliminary draft of an ordinance. The four members of the Zoning Board are Moseman, and Leo Kelly, appointed for terms of four years each; Edward Schmitt and George McLaughlin for terms of two years each. Members of the Zoning Board appeared again before the Township Board following their separate meetings. Moseman stated that he would be willing to take the chairmanship of the Zoning Board, but requested that he be granted permission to resign at his request of the Township Board. Moseman stated that he would be willing to take the chairmanship of the Zoning Board, but requested that he be granted permission to resign at his request of the Township Board.

### Churches To Have Special Services

The age-old Christmas story will be retold in Farmington churches this week end when song and ceremony will again depict the traditional Christmas saga.

Children's activities play a predominant part in most of the services with children's choirs and Christmas carols as well as Christmas parties being included in plans for the special occasion.

At the Farmington Baptist Church, special holiday events get under way 8 p.m. Thursday evening when the annual Christmas program is presented. Sponsored by the Sunday School, the program will take place at the church, according to Rev. Fred Fisher, gift of candy will be made to all children attending.

On Sunday evening at the Baptist church, a candlelight Christmas chorus will take place. The youth choir will provide the music, consisting of Christmas carols. Some of the carols are traditional and widely known. Others are ones not familiar to most audiences. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas evening.

Two children's Christmas Eve programs will be presented at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Sunday School program will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, and the day school program at 7 p.m. the same day. Recitations and songs will tell the story of "Children of God" at the Sunday School program, and robed choristers will tell the Christmas story in choral readings at the 7 p.m. day school program.

On Christmas Day at St. Paul's, (Continued on Page Ten)

### City Ready For Santa's Arrival

Farmington is all ready for the arrival of Santa Claus at 2 p.m. Saturday, Kenn Chappell, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas Committee, announced Monday.

What's more, Santa will make a grand tour through town. He will be preceded by a cream colored convertible, Chappell said. Santa himself, with his sleigh and reindeer, will be in the lead, followed by the L and H Wood Company. A sound car may also be in the procession.

Santa will enter the city from the northwest, Chappell stated. He will come down Grand River Avenue and continue through the city, then turn and stop at the corner of the Town Hall. There a white throne will have been prepared for him, Chappell stated.

While sitting at his throne, Santa will interview youngsters who come to see him. He'll also present each youngster with a bag of candy, Chappell stated. In order to leave, (Continued on Page Five)

## City Discusses Installation Of Parking Meters

### Meter Survey Made In Business District

The City of Farmington may install parking meters in the downtown business area early next spring. It was announced following the regular meeting of the City Commission held last Wednesday evening.

The parking meter question was discussed at the meeting after an introduction by representatives of the Ypsilanti parking meter company. The company made a survey of the business district several weeks ago and presented their findings to the Commission Wednesday evening. Mayor Delos Hamilton stated early this week that a number of merchants have been questioned on the matter and they have all indicated a preference for the meters.

Under a plan suggested by the representatives of the company, the meters could be installed on a six-month trial basis, with 50% of the returns going to the City and the company taking 50%. If the city then decided at the end of the trial period to keep the meters the company's 50% would be applied toward the purchase of the meters. If, however, the city decided not to keep the meters, they could still retain their 50% of the returns during the trial period and the company would be compensated for the cost of the meters. (Continued on Page Ten)

## Farmington Defeats Keego Harbor To Chalk Up Fifth Straight Win

The Farmington Falcon eagles downed a previously undefeated Keego Harbor fire last Friday evening 33 to 19 to rack up their fifth straight win of the season in the Farmington gym.

Both teams played a rough, hard fought game with very little scoring in the four periods. The two teams played a tight defensive game. The Falcons took the lead in the first quarter and held it throughout the game.

The first period went by with only 14 points being scored by both teams. Jim Bates accounted for four of these and Dirmeyer and AschenBrenner got two each. There was more action in the second period as both teams tried to break through the other's defense. But the result was only 12 points racked up by both teams. The halting score stood at Farmington 16, Keego Harbor 10.

Keego Harbor came back in the third period to hold the Falcons to even terms. Both teams managed to play the entire game except for bringing the third period score to 21 to 25 in favor of Farmington. In the final period Farmington, spearheaded by George Barrons, broke loose to pile up 12 points to take a commanding lead. Barrons, who had not scored until the final period, racked up nine points to lead the assault. AschenBrenner got two points and Jim Bates one point, bringing the final total to Farmington 33, Keego Harbor 19.

The starting five for Farmington were George Barrons, Ed Dirmeyer, AschenBrenner, Bates, Dirmeyer and Tupper came out with six points each.

Farmington's Reserve team remained undefeated as they downed the Keego Harbor Reserves 28 to 23. This is also the fifth straight win for the Falcon Reserves. Bob Hutton was again high point man for Farmington with nine points. Jerry Plum, Gino Carnevale, Bob (Continued on Page Ten)

## PRESENTS CAPES TO SAFETY PATROL BOYS

The Township Board approved the granting of \$200 to the Farmington Goodfellows funds for the caring of needy families in the Township this Christmas. A brief discussion was held on what financial aid the Township would give to the repair of the Boy Scout log cabin in the Town Hall park. Action was delayed until an accurate cost estimate be received. The proposed plan is to work with the City of Farmington in the repair of the cabin as a joint contribution.

Mrs. Alice Middleton McDougall, one of the 40 raffle prizes presented Safety Patrol boys of Farmington schools last Monday. James Gibbs, 12, son of Mr. Helen Gibbs of 22116 Hawthorne, models one of the capes. Mrs. McDougall, designer of the capes and a survivor of the Lusitania sinking, says of the capes, "I am very proud of them. They are the beginning of a dream I have waited for years to see. I was saved for some useful purpose, and I think this is it."

## AWARD CONTRACT

Ben Fyke was awarded the contract, subject to final approval by the Township engineers, for the construction of the water system in the Woodbine Subdivision. The contract was awarded after the opening of bids by the Township Board. Two sealed bids were received with Fyke having the low bid. The sale of the \$28,000 Special Assessment bonds for the financing of the system has been completed, with investments by the contractor, subdivider and the Township. A special assessment of \$1.00 per lot will be levied on the Woodbine Subdivision and the water users will pay for the system.

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