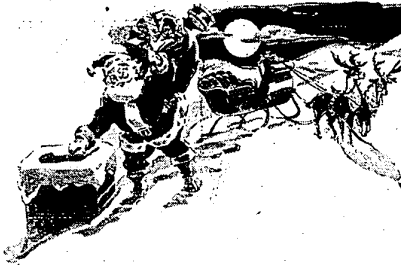


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Award Contracts For New School At Clarenceville

Subject To Approval Of Federal Agency

The Clarenceville School Board, at a special session Monday evening, awarded the contracts for the construction of the new Osamus Street elementary school.

In a resolution, unanimously passed by the Board, it was stipulated that the contracts will not be effective until approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency office of the Administrator, Chicago, Illinois.

The architectural contract was awarded to the Smith and Andrews Co., Detroit, at a price of \$110,620.

The mechanical contract was given to Lloyd J. Thornton Company, Inc., Birmingham, at a cost of \$17,852, and the electrical contract to NorWest Electric Co., Detroit, at a price of \$15,500.

THE SEALED BIDS on the new Osamus Street Elementary School were opened at a special meeting of the Board held Thursday evening at the Clarenceville High School.

Goodfellows Pack 86 Holiday Boxes

The interior of the Farmington Municipal Building took on the appearance of a Santa Claus distribution station on Saturday, December 20, when the Goodfellows made final preparations for giving Christmas baskets to needy families in the Farmington area.

More than 1800 cans of food were collected from the Farmington, Clarenceville and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools and were placed in baskets along with toys collected by the Kiwanis Club and donated by Hatton's Hardware and Dancer's Department Store.

According to Goodfellow President Fred Menke, Jr., 86 boxes were packed for distribution. The boxes will serve some 324 children, Menke added.

In addition to the boxes of food and toys, proceeds from the annual Christmas sale will be used.

Approximately 300 Farmington area boys and girls stopped in the Town Hall last Saturday afternoon to see and talk with Santa Claus during his annual visit to Farmington.

This is about the same number as visited Santa last year in spite of the bad weather. The annual visit of Santa Claus is sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Cecil Roberts, chairman of this year's Jaycee.

He's Making Final Plans For A Mighty Busy Evening



Santa Claus makes a final inspection of one of the many gifts which he will distribute to Farmington area boys and girls on Christmas Eve. He has just returned to his headquarters after a last minute visit to Farmington, where he picked up a lot of suggestions on what to put in that pack.

New State Law Increases Farmington Township Board To Seven Man Body

Council Taking Bids For Second City Police Car

A second car will be added to the Farmington City Police Department sometime in January, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

It was decided at the last meeting of the Council to purchase the car and Tennant was authorized to secure sealed bids. In order to standardize the equipment, it was decided to purchase another Ford. Bids will be received from several Ford dealers.

Specifications for the car are now available at the City Manager's office in the Municipal Building. Bids must be secured on or before January 19 so that they can be presented to the Council for consideration and action.

TWO ADDITIONAL police radios have also been purchased by the city for installation in municipal vehicles. One of the radio transmitters and receiver will be installed in the new police car when it is delivered.

The Legislature also passed a second bill cutting in half the number of Justices of the Peace to be elected. Under the old law, Farmington Township was authorized four Justices of the Peace.

Provides For The Selection Of Four Trustees In The Spring Election

Four new trustees are expected to be elected to the Farmington Township Board this spring in accordance with a new law passed by the State Legislature last week.

Under the new law, townships of over 5,000 population are authorized to have four trustees on the Board. The trustees will serve as township officials in place of Justices of the Peace. In a recent Supreme Court decision, Justices were banned from serving on Township Boards from its present three members back to its original seven-man group.

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Wins D.A.R. Award

Although no official communication has been received by the township concerning the new law, nominating petitions are available through the Clerk, for the various township offices. The regular Township Primary is to be held February 16 with the final election in April. Harry McCracken, Clerk, stated that petitions can be secured from him either at the Township Office of the Peace, four at his home, 35720 Twelve Mile Road.

NOMINATING PETITIONS for all township offices must be filed with the clerk by 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 29. This includes candidates on both the Republican and Democratic tickets for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, as well as two Justices of the Peace, four Board of Review and Constable. Petitions must be signed by at least 1% but not more than 4% of the total number of registered voters in the township. At the present time, there are approximately 5,900 registered voters in Farmington Township.

Early Payment Of Taxes Urged

City and township property owners are being urged to pay their 1952 taxes as early as possible so that urgently needed funds can be turned over to the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. The funds are needed now for the Districts to meet current expenses. A special request has been made by the Township Treasurer by the Clarenceville School District asking that any monies collected in that area be forwarded to the school as soon as possible. Early payment of taxes will greatly assist the two school districts in meeting their present obligations.

Big Rush Is Over New Record For Christmas Mail Set At Farmington Post Office

The volume of Christmas mail and packages pouring in and out of the Farmington Post Office set a new record this year, according to Charles Habermehl, Farmington Postmaster.

Habermehl stated that all this past week some 30,000 pieces of mail were handled, a record for the office, making a total of approximately 150,000 pieces for the five-day period. This figure is some 5,000 more per day than was handled in 1951, he added.

The success in handling the increased volume of mail without delay has been due to several factors, in the opinion of the postmaster. The new building facilities expedited mail handling and Habermehl intimated that the additional help this year was very efficient in the work of sorting and delivering mail. Then too, he added, the people themselves helped by mailing earlier and by spreading out the posting of their Christmas mail.

By order of the Postmaster General, Friday, December 26, has been set aside as a holiday for postal employees. Postmaster Habermehl stressed, however, that limited service will be offered. There will be a skeleton crew on duty to make city deliveries of special delivery and perishables and a window will be open during the regular post office hours. No rural deliveries will be made, according to Postmaster Habermehl.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT... in the air even though the weather is more like April than December. The wonderful glow of the holiday season reached a new high last Saturday with the completion of the beautiful Nativity scene in the Town Hall park, the visit of Santa Claus and the rush of busy Christmas shoppers.

FARMINGTON'S CITY HALL... took on a holiday appearance over the week end, with the lobby and counters jammed with colorful toys and good things to eat. It was hard to tell at a glance whether it was Santa's workshop or a bustling general store.

ANOTHER FINE CHRISTMAS... program was presented last Thursday by the Farmington High School music department under the direction of J. Warren Anderson. The program was a busy and exciting one.

GO TO CHURCH... this Christmas and take the whole family with you. All of the Farmington area churches are planning special services on Christmas Day and there is a place waiting for you.

BEFORE WE FORGET... we want to remind you that next week's issue will be distributed on Wednesday instead of the normal Thursday because of New Year's. This means early news and advertising copy again. Both news and display advertising must be in our hands by Monday noon to insure publication.

United Fund Total Nears Quota With \$7,950 Reported

Urges Residents To Mail In Contributions

Farmington's 1952 United Fund and Community Chest collections took a big jump during the past week with a total of \$7,950.77 in cash and pledges now turned in.

Willard stated that the door-to-door canvass of the city and township has been completed. However, efforts are continuing to secure the \$713 needed to meet the 1952 quota.

PLANS ARE being made to check pledge cards and records to determine if there are any further contacts which can be made. Any such individual soliciting will be made after the holidays.

Yule Celebration Reaches Climax As Churches Set Special Programs

Six Parishes Schedule Christmas Eve Services

Continuing their erstwhile observance of the birth of the Savior, churches in the Farmington area are planning special programs for Christmas Eve, December 24.

The Christmas Eve service at the Novit Methodist Church will be presented by the Sunday school at midnight.

March Of Dimes Drive Plans Set

Details of the drive were discussed at an organization meeting held last Friday afternoon at the Farmington Municipal Building.

A special kick-off luncheon will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, at the Farmington Town Hall.

Mrs. Helen Kudla is the chairman of the Mothers' March which will be conducted on the last day of the drive, January 29.

The National Income would continue very high. Watch for Babson's Forecasts in next week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

ROGER W. BABSON

Babson's Business Outlook For 1953 To Appear In Next Week's Issue

The Farmington Enterprise will publish Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1953" in the January 1 issue. Mr. Babson's 1953 outlook will contain certain outstanding forecasts covering such important topics as General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Trade, Labor, Inflation, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate and Politics.



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