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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Sunday next is Christmas Sunday. The Methodist Church will have as special Christmas features on Sunday morning Christmas music and a Christmas sermon, "The Road to Bethlehem." No better preparation for Christmas—the birthday of Jesus, can be had than by worshipping on that day in the spirit and atmosphere of the first Christmas. The public is invited to enjoy the service. The special offerings on Sunday at the Sunday School will be in behalf of the White Gift Christmas which goes to the Methodist Children's Home, Christmas Exercises—

The annual exercises at the Methodist Community Hall will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The program will be unique and interesting in the extreme, and will be in the form of a series of tableaux with dramatic settings and music. Beautiful decorations and platform arrangements will create a charming background for the tableaux. No admission will be charged. It is a Christmas celebration for the community and may be enjoyed by all who may desire to attend.

A SUMMER SNOW STORM

"A Trip Through France, Switzerland and Italy," will be the interesting theme upon which Mr. Luman W. Goodenough will speak at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening. A summer snow storm in the Alps, roaming over Rome, riding on the water streets of Venice, Paris in the summer time and seeing the glories of Switzerland, are among the interesting views which the speaker gained on his journey across Europe this last summer, and which he will share with the evening audience on Sunday at the Methodist Church.

SANTA WILL BE THERE

As a happy prelude to Christmas the motion picture at the Community Hall on Tuesday next will be full of Christmas beauty and joy. Mary Miles Minter will portray in "The Fairy and the Waif" the supreme happiness of Christmas. The picture is full of Christmas trees, Santa Claus, happy and excited children and every joyous thing that goes with Christmas. An additional picture of "Scrooge" the famous character of Charles Dickens in his "Christmas Carol" will be seen. Altogether the program will be as Christmassy as anything can be.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PREVAILS IN STORE WINDOWS

Many stores and shop windows are now aglow with Christmas lights and trees bedecked with a dazzling array of many lovely and useful things suitable for gifts for mother and dad, sister and brother, wife and sweetheart and other dear friends.

It gives one a real Christmas thrill just to go window shopping, to say nothing of a trip through the stores now ready to serve your most particular fancy or wish.

It will be to your advantage to do your gift buying at the earliest convenient time, now, before the last minute rush starts when displays are more or less disarranged and assortments broken. The columns of the Enterprise are filled this week with helpful suggestions and a careful study of the various ads will make your Christmas shopping easy and a pleasure. The merchant who appreciates your patronage enough to tell you of his offerings will give you better service and better merchandise than the fellow who does not advertise.

SPEEDER INJURES HORSE

A Redford speeder in attempting to get ahead of a motor bus on Grand River road last week Wednesday, ran into a team of horses being driven by Fred Crowe of Farmington. A bad gash was cut in the lip of one of the horses.

Rev. E. Bond Griffith of Mount Clemens has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Farmington and will assume his duties the first of January.

ELY FARM SOLD

The largest acreage within the limits of Farmington village has recently exchanged hands. Mr. Charles Ely has sold his farm to the Farmington Hills Company, and it will be a subdivision soon to be opened up for business and home sites, and will be known as Farmington Hills.

This property has been in the hands of the Ely family for over half a century. It was bought by William V. Ely in 1869 and Charles Ely bought it from his father in 1897. The whole of this farm has been within the corporation since the village was enlarged to take in the D. U. R. Junction property in 1901. It is ideally located for subdivision purposes as it lies adjacent to three state and county roads, having one-half mile frontage on the Orchard Lake cement road. The greater acreage has a good level turf which will need practically no preparation before placed on the market and the extreme western portion, with its rolling hills, will afford beautiful home sites for those who delight in the scenery of our valley.

MRS. WILBUR ENTERTAINS

Honoring Mr. C. W. Wilbur whose birthday anniversary occurred Tuesday, Mrs. Wilbur entertained at dinner members of a club they belonged to fifteen years ago. The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller. In place of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weaver of Traverse City, former members of the club were Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Holcomb.

MRS. HATTON SURPRISED

While Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hatton were enjoying a spin in their car Sunday, fifteen of their friends gathered at their home and prepared a sumptuous dinner in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Hatton. Upon arriving home Mrs. Hatton was completely surprised to find all in readiness even to the birthday cake with the proper number of candles. It was an occasion long to be remembered.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30—Morning service.
2:00—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
Christmas Sunday—
10:30—"The Road to Bethlehem."
11:45—White Gift Sunday School.
6:30—"The Livingstone Epworth League."

7:30—"Through France, Switzerland and Italy." A travel-talk by Mr. Luman W. Goodenough.
Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, English.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Services, German.
Christmas Services
7:30—Wednesday evening, English.
10:15—Thursday morning, German and English.

First Baptist Church
Rev. R. F. Wilson will preach morning and evening.
10:15—Sunday School.
11:45—Morning Service, subject "Star of Bethlehem."
6:30—B. Y. P. U.
7:30—Evening Service, subject "The Serpent's Bite, Its Cure."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.
Special English Service for the children on Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. A fine Christmas program has been prepared.
German Christmas Service on Thursday morning.
Next Sunday School will meet

STATION F. H. S.

A birthday party was given at the home of Miss Roberta Baker, Monday evening, December 8. She was given many beautiful gifts by those present. During the dancing, which was the main entertainment, punch and wafers were served. Later in the evening refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake. At 12 o'clock the guests started home wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Netha Sheets.

Last Wednesday, December 10 the Circle Franciscan, issued invitations to the first year French class, inviting them to a party to be held next Thursday evening, December 18 at Mrs. Westcott's home. There are ten new members.

Netha Sheets.

Spike
Percy Spaller (at Cooks)—"I'd like a pair of golf trousers to wear around my gymnasium."
Clark—"What does your gymnasium measure?"

Mr. Westcott—"How do you like the new coach?"
Mrs. Westcott—"Which one, basketball, football or baseball?"
Virginia Nichols—"I think it's mean to make us give a part of the program. Why, we're seniors!"
Lois Young—"Don't worry, you were freshmen once."

Kindergarten

The children have finished the presents for their parents and are very proud of them.

They have made many decorations for a small Christmas tree in their room, and they, being Santa's helpers, have decorated the tree.

Many Christmas songs have been learned, one is "Away in the Manger" which they will sing at their Christmas party on December 19. Invitations have been made for the purpose of inviting their parents to the party.

Miss Hartz.

First Grade

Chains and bells have been made for room decoration. The letters of "Merry Christmas" were printed on the bells.

The study of sheep is now interesting the class.

Miss Schiffer.

Second Grade

Each child has made a Christmas toy, and they have been placed on a table in the room for display.
A pretty Christmas border is on the blackboard.

Last Friday "Teddy's class" dramatized "House in the Wood," and later "Norman's class" dramatized "Lanbkin."

Miss Koterba.

Third Grade

Holly wreaths in the windows and a Christmas border on the board give the room an air of Christmas.

In arithmetic, the children are learning the tables of fours, and in geography, leather and its uses are studied.
Forest Durham, Virginia Hinborn and Jane Lester are proudly saying that they have received one hundred in spelling all last week.

The grades from the third to eighth are going to have their Christmas party together in the assembly room of the high school.

Miss Huff.

Fourth Grade

A Christmas border and a Christmas table are the attractions of the room.

Geography maps and plans of the room have been made.
The only narcissus in bloom is in this room, and its fragrance is enjoyed by all who are fortunate enough to be in this room.

Miss Hunter.

Fifth Grade

Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," has been read and enjoyed. Pictures were drawn to represent the scenes described in the book.

The pupils enjoy their "setting up" exercises in hygiene. The children have learned to wrap Christmas packages.

Sixth Grade

The class is deeply interested in debating. In art class handkerchiefs are being made for Christmas presents.

The pupils are memorizing "Ring Out Wild Bells" for a New Year's poem.

Miss Hudson.

Seventh Grade

Gifts are now making their way toward the Christmas box, waiting for Santa's coming.

Miss Frank.

Eighth Grade

The room has been decorated for Christmas. A December calendar with a pretty Christmas scene at its top, is not the least of the attractions.

A committee from this grade, is in charge of decorating a tree in the assembly room for next Friday's interesting program.

The literature classes are telling original Christmas stories.

High School

We are looking forward to the exercises Friday afternoon.

Each grade is to entertain for fifteen minutes. Unlike last year, the program is not to be funny but to be of a more dignified kind. Each class is keeping its part a secret, and the rest of us are left to wonder.

Freshmen

They are in a terrible hubbub over their Christmas plans, and are fairly "bubbling over" with secrets.

Sophomores

Many committees are holding meetings in Miss Porter's room for the purpose of arranging all the secret Christmas plans.

Juniors

All the girls with long hair think they deserve a Christmas present for not "sacrificing" their hair to style.

Seniors

Poor things, they always say, "Why we haven't any news."

Athletics

Last Thursday night, December 11, the boys' basketball team went down to the Polish Seminary and played the second basketball game this season. They were up against a tough team but showed up well. Spaller kept the opposing team from scoring a good many times while the rest of the team managed to make a creditable showing, although they lost the game, they gave the opposing team, which by the way is an exceptional good one, a rather stiff fight. The score was, at the end of the game, 13-22.

Lineup:

	F. H. S.	G	Ft	Pf
Quinn	1	1	0	0
Graham	2	0	1	0
Salow	2	0	1	0
Manzel	1	0	0	0
Spaller	1	0	0	0

Polish Seminary

	F. H. S.	G	Ft	Pf
Favek	2	0	1	0
Fackuek	2	0	1	0
Pasek	4	0	0	0
Wierniecki	3	0	1	0
Wyzykowski	0	0	0	0
Slazak	0	0	0	0
Kizecick	2	0	0	0

Sub: Polish Seminary, Slazak for Kizecick.

F. H. C. Otis for Manzel, Balcer, referee.

Commercial Department

Speed test awards:
There are fifty boys and girls learning to typewrite in our High School. We have fifteen typewriters, some Underwoods and some Remingtons.

These typewriting companies offer awards to those people who become proficient. The first award is a diploma which is given to anyone attaining a speed of twenty-five words or more a minute, writing fifteen minutes in accordance with the International Typewriting Contest Rules.

Last Tuesday morning Ruth Roggenkamp and Margaret Bryan received diplomas from the Remington Company and Thelma Salow and Helen Phelps from the Underwood.

OXFORD EXCHANGE CLUB BANQUETTED

Last week's Leader gave mention of an Exchange Club organization in the parlors of the Oxford Savings Bank with fourteen charter members. Wednesday of this week twenty-one members, with six visiting brothers from our sister village, Farmington, sat down to a noonday feed at the Oakland House, comprising chicken with all the trimmings that this well known hostelry has the reputation throughout the state of serving to the public.

After all had partaken of this bountiful repast, President James Olson, called upon the following visiting brothers for short speeches: Leo Gildemeister, Howard Warner, Isaac Bond, Devere Fleming, Archie Leonard and E. O. Hatton. All spoke in the highest praise of the interest that had been manifested and the large representation at the first meeting. If this, the first meeting, is any criterion, Oxford will have an Exchange Club that will make our sister villages sit up and take notice.—Oxford Leader.

FLINT RIVER IS TO BE STRAIGHTENED

The drain commissioners of Oakland, Genesee, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Lapeer, Huron, Midland and Gratiot counties met in Saginaw recently, and approved the plan of a big project designed to prevent floods of the Flint river in the future. The project is the construction of a three-mile cut to eliminate an ox-bow curve eleven miles long in Saginaw county. The cost of the improvement is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The drain commissioners from all of the eight counties named above approved the plan except the Shiawassee county commissioner.

MR. AND MRS. MELOW

The Ely family went to the farm last Sunday for their holiday dinner. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Melow were, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ely and two sons of Northville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson and June; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling and Alma Mae; Mrs. Ralph Hogle, Mrs. Jessie Lee, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick and Evelyn of Farmington; Mrs. Mae Ely of Detroit and Miss Elma Boughton of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Ely and Mrs. Lee expect to leave for Miami, Florida, the first of next week.

TALKS ON CITY BEAUTIFUL

Following the noonday luncheon of the Farmington Exchange Club, Tuesday, Glen Phillips, landscape artist, connected with the Detroit commission, which is planning improvements for that city, gave an interesting talk covering the scope of the work now in progress and under contemplation.

The comprehensive scheme of street and highway betterment which is being formulated is calculated not only to relieve traffic conditions, but add greatly to the appearance of the city and surrounding territory.

Three new members were taken into the club at Tuesday's meeting.

Your taxes for 1924 are now due.

ward to see who will be first to receive the Sterling silver pin for writing forty words a minute and who will be the first of the beginning class to receive a diploma.

Society

The Girls' League held a Christmas party Friday night, December 12 in the high school gymnasium. There were present and everyone was ready for a good time.

The entertainment committee had planned many "peppy" games which included a walnut hunt, three deep and dancing.

The Christmas tree which stood in one corner of the room was beautifully decorated with the holiday frolics.

During the evening a box of candy was presented to each girl, which was very appropriate.

GOLDEN KEY CLASS ENTERTAIN

The second of the series of parties to be given by the Golden Key class was held Tuesday evening. Miss Mildred Wallace as chairman, assisted by five other members of the class planned the evening's entertainment which was a trip to the North Pole. About thirty members gathered at the home of D. A. Dickerson. Reservations having been made they boarded the Pullman for New York. The train consisted of waiting automobiles with drivers who took the unfolded guests for a spin and landed them in New York, basement of Farmington State Bank, just in time to catch the steamer for the North Pole. On board the boat they played games and danced the Virginia Reel. The boat finally docked and the guests, after climbing over mountains, windows made to represent mountains, found themselves at the North Pole, the headquarters of Santa Claus who had heard of their coming and remembered each of them with a gift. Plenty of candy, apples and Eskimo pies, which they found in an Eskimo hut nearby. After indulging themselves the guests returned home tired but happy.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Fred Pagel was a Detroit visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. J. A. Clark has been ill this week with the gripe.

Louis Thayer is some improved from his recent illness.

Mrs. Vesley Finley visited Monday at Clarence Aldrich home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fox, a son, Monday, December 15.

Mrs. T. D. McCord is getting the better of a severe attack of gripe.

Kindly send your items in early next week as we go to press a day earlier.

Fred Brockmiller left via auto Friday afternoon for Richmond, Virginia.

Charles Miller of Walled Lake suffered a stroke of paralysis, Wednesday.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winder is improving from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen leave Tuesday for Alma to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. G. H. Riddle made a business trip to Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, the first of the week.

William Sukerson had the misfortune to break his arm Monday afternoon while cranking a car.

Mr. Charles Rodgers is in Highland Park Hospital, where he will undergo an operation today, Friday.

Mrs. Mary Turner returned Thursday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Seymour Lloyd in Monroe.

Mr. Charles Teagan, a former resident of Clarenceville, but now of Redford, is dangerously ill in Harper Hospital.

Dallas Harger will arrive home Sunday from Albion to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger.

Miss Orene Habermehl came home Thursday from Harper Hospital and is improving from her recent operation.

School closes today, Friday, for a two week vacation. Most of the teachers will go to their respective homes to spend Christmas.

Mr. Clarence Aldrich, daughters Thelma and Mary and son Edwin, visited relatives in Leslie and Lansing from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger, daughter Carol, saw the Albion-Oakland Motors basketball game in Pontiac, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Martha Cook received word Wednesday of the very serious illness of her sister, Miss Jennie Constock in Sacramento Hospital, Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Arthur Altz, Mrs. Forrest Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schweizer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward O'Hara and Orion Everett of Franklin, are all grinning victims