

memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life in the Farmington community from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

DEC. 16, 1944 —
 "A TRIP INTO Detroit, where the lovely white snow almost immediately became dirty and slushy, makes one really appreciate our Hill city," noted an item in the Around the Block column on the front page of the Farmington Enterprise. "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 disadvantages."

"CHRISTMAS IS COMING to Farmington," said another Around the Block item. "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."

YET ANOTHER AROUND the Block item observed, "That pert little cut 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."

CLASSIFIED AD: "LOST — Buck sheep, strayed. If found, please send post card to Paul W. Sells, 27404 Drake Rd."

PLAYING AT THE Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington were "Minstrel Man" with Benny Field and Gladys George, and "The Falcon in Mexico" with Tom Conway and Mona Maris. Women attending Wednesday and Thursday shows were given free Fire King glassware.

SHORT ITEM: "Uncle Ab says that chickens, like human beings, thrive best when they have to do some scratching for what they get."

DEC. 16, 1954 —
CLARENCEVILLE'S BOARD of Education voted to authorize the superintendent and the district attorney to attempt to purchase land owned by the Nelson family on the west side of Middlebelt Road across from the high school for school purposes. The land

would be used by the district for outdoor activities, school officials said.

DON MCKINNON, known as The Old Scotchman on the daily radio show he hosted on station WJBK, was the emcee at a Clarenceville High School dance which followed a basketball game on Dec. 10. McKinnon brought his own records, which included the latest hits.

FARMINGTON MEATS, advertised ground beef at four pounds for \$1. Also available was Robin Hood flour at 39 cents for a five-pound bag, and Babo at 10 cents a can.

JERRY RICE and Bud Jones each scored 15 points to pace Farmington High's 56-39 prep basketball victory over Clarenceville.

WORK ON THE Nine Mile Road bridge over the Rouge River south of Grand River was completed Dec. 12 and the road was opened to traffic. The road had been closed for some time while the route of the river was changed and a new bridge was constructed.

MARILYN STRATFORD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stratford of Waldron Street, is ill with the mumps," said an item in Strolling Around the Southeast Corner by Lorna Rice.

DEC. 16, 1964 —
 Despite cold and rainy weather, the

Old Newsboys of Farmington were out on the streets selling their Goodfellow editions on Dec. 11. The paper sale brought in approximately \$2,900, including contributions of \$300 from Farmington Township and \$100 from the city of Farmington.

RON WATSON and Rick Lorenz each scored 15 points, but their North Farmington basketball team dropped a 70-67 decision to Hedford Thurston in Northwest Suburban League action. In another game, John Orlander scored 23 points as Farmington beat Port Huron, 63-61.

Watch out for fire

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peries and furniture in there," he added, pointing to the smoky interior.

According to Marinucci, anything hot, such as a portable heater, close to a dry Christmas tree is enough to ignite it.

"The key to a safe holiday, he said, is to keep your Christmas tree watered and to inspect the insulation of tree lights for worn or damaged wires every time they are used.

"If you have a good, live tree you've just cut and kept watered and you put a match to it, the match will just go out,"

Marinucci explained.

"On the other hand, if you run your hand around a tree branch and the needles fall off — that's too dry. Get rid of it," Marinucci advised.

Although having a smoke detector and portable fire extinguisher in the home is recommended, Marinucci said they can only work if there is someone present to hear and use them.

"It is seldom that anyone discovers a fire right away, unless they accidentally started it themselves, like with a forgotten cigarette or something," the fire chief said.

Winter registration planned at OCC

Regular registration for the 1985 winter semester at Oakland Community College will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 2-3, by an alphabetical schedule.

Classes for the winter semester begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4.

Students may register at any one of the following OCC campus locations: Auburn Hills Campus in Auburn Hills, 853-4200; Highland Lakes Campus in

Union Lake, 368-3000; Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, 471-7500; and Southeast/Royal Oak Campus in Royal Oak, 967-5700.

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