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SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season, that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness never be dimmed by accidents or adversity, is now knocking at our doors and will be here almost before we are ready for it.

At this time, before we enter into the preparation for the holidays, and before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christmastide events it may be well for us to stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules for safety.

That Christmas Tree: Do not decorate it with flimsy material hung too near candles or lights. Don't decorate your tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use tinsel or other non-inflammable material for decorations and be sure to set the tree securely so that the children and even the "grown-ups" in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use powdered mica or asbestos fibre.

Do not permit to be used candles, where electricity can be substituted. Even with the use of electric batteries the same would be far safer than the use of candles. But if candles are used let only the utmost caution prevail. Do not permit children to light or re-light the candles while the parents are absent from the room. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. Don't leave the matches within reach of the children. Candles are meant to be lighted and if children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders. Better caution "Dad" and "Mother" to be careful with cigar and cigarette stubs too.

Do not allow trees to remain inside of buildings after the holidays. The tree ignites readily when leaves and branches are dry. A large number of fires occur in January from this cause.

GIRL SCOUTS ENTERTAIN

HOSPITAL CHILDREN
Pontiac Girls Scouts held their third annual Christmas party at the Michigan Childrens Hospital here last Saturday. This party, says the Pontiac Press, was given three years ago as a substitute for a local Christmas party and has been continued each year. Toys contributed by the troops and stockings filled with candy by the Brownie Packs were distributed to the children by a Christmas Fairy and Santa Claus. One girl from each troop attended the party and a program was given by these girls.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Wednesday, December 15, at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wilber. The topic, Shakespearean Drama, was in charge of Mrs. Frank Steele, who sketched briefly Shakespeare's life and dramatic art, and then gave a summary and estimate of the "Winter's Tale." Mrs. Steele then called successively upon Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cook and Miss Hard, who read lyrics from the various plays. Miss Helen Boorman explained the purposes and advantages of the Drama Guild, a New York movement which Miss Jessie Bonstelle is seeking to promote and foster in Detroit.

The next regular meeting, an Open Day, of the Farmington Woman's Club will be held Thursday, January 6 at 3:00 at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner. Miss Jessie Bonstelle, well known to discriminating Detroit theatre goers, will talk on some phases of the spoken drama. Members are asked to note the change in date and properly to notify the corresponding secretary by post card of intention as to attendance and whether or not the privilege of bringing a guest will be exercised.

H. L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y.

No matter how great a man is, he can't take his greatness with him into a Turkish bath.

Pay your taxes now.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE

The Baptist Young People will have a Christmas service Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. There will be slides on "The Birth of Christ" also several Christmas songs. The young people will have complete charge of the service, which will merge into the evening service. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Is the Present Day Church a Freak of Grace?" Old and young will enjoy the pictures as well as be interested in this question raised by the pastor.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon. Anthem by the choir.
Sermon by the pastor. "A Christmas Meditation."
11:50—Sunday School. We have classes for all ages.
7:30—Evening service. This service will be in charge of the young people of the Epworth League. They will present a Christmas pageant "The Climbing Way."

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 7:30 p. m.
Pageant—The Nativity, given by Sunday School and choir. Christmas carols and Christmas tree.
Christmas Day—German and English services at 10:30 a. m. Special choir music.
Sunday, December 26—German services, 10:15 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Friday Eve, December 31, New Years Eve.
8:00 p. m.—Stereopticon views.
9:00 p. m.—Fellowship gathering.

11:00 p. m.—Refreshments.
11:30 p. m.—Watch night services.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship.
The pastor will preach the Christmas sermon on the subject, "In the Fullness of Time."
11:45—Sunday School, with classes for all ages.
7:00—This will be a combined service with the young people in charge. The first part of the service we will have stereopticon pictures of the "Birth of Christ." The pastor will preach on the subject, "Is the Present Day Church a Freak of Grace?" The public is invited to all our services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville

(At Switzer Road)
Christmas Eve, 8 o'clock, childrens Christmas service.
Christmas morning, 10:30—German service.
Sunday—Sunday School 9:30. English service 10:30. Mr. C. C. Graupner, student theologian, will deliver the sermon.
Next week the following services will be held:
Friday, December 31—German Sylvester service 8 p. m.
Saturday, January 1—English New Year's service 10:30.
Sunday, January 2—Sunday School 9:30. German service at 10:30.

Clarencville Community Church

Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor
Sunday morning, 10:30—Worship.
Evening, 7:30—Popular service Sunday School, 12 noon.
Next Sunday evening will be White Gift service and childrens entertainment. Splendid program by the scholars of all ages. Come and join in the procession and lay your gifts in the manger. Proceeds to go to Childrens Home.
Last Sunday evening the Clarencville Methodist choir rendered a Christmas cantata under the leadership of Mr. Jones, the choir director. Miss Gladys Baker was at the piano. Mesdames Miller and Wallis and Messrs. Jones and Robinson were the soloists. Great credit is due to the choir for the efficient way in which the Sacred work was presented.

Christmas Morning



The Farmington Enterprise wishes its friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and continuing prosperity and happiness.

ENJOYING SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS

In a letter, renewing his subscription to The Enterprise, J. E. Phelps, formerly of Farmington, now residing with his family at Winter Park, Fla., says:
Winter Park, Fla., December 15, 1926.
"We can't seem to get along without your paper for it is just like a letter to us. We are certainly having fine weather, sitting around with the windows and doors all open and dressed in our summer clothes with pretty flowers everywhere. We can't imagine the horrible weather you are having up north."

"It has been far nicer this winter than last. We were at Miami last week. It begins to look pretty good around there again and in a couple of years you will never know that there was such a terrible hurricane. It is certainly very nice around Winter Park and Orlando. Do not think I would care to live any farther South."

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Phelps, Box 988, Winter Park, Fla.

SHAW BROS. TAKE PONTIAC-OAKLAND AGENCY

Shaw Brothers, of Clarencville, have taken the agency for the Oakland and Pontiac for this territory as associate dealers and have discontinued handling the Ford cars.
At their large garage show rooms the various models of the Pontiac and Oakland are now on display and are attracting considerable attention.

B. Y. P. U.

Baptist Young People had a banquet last Friday evening. The banquet was given by the women of the church to the young people. After all had partaken of the bountiful feast there was a little time spent in singing led by Mr. Palmer.

Toasts were offered by Mrs. Ray Howard, Miss Mabel Turner and Miss E. Thornton around the general subjects, Baptist, Youth, Utilized.
Ralph Jackson of Detroit was the main speaker. He took as his subject the B. Y. P. U. motto, "We Study that We May Serve." He was heard by all with joy and interest.

Ray Howard, president, acted as toastmaster.

The worse the goods, the smarter the salesman has to be.

THUGS AND THIEVES BUSY

With a fresh outbreak of crime in Oakland county the prediction of officials that the warfare by the Detroit police against thugery would drive the criminals into outlying districts, seems to have been well founded. Reports from Pontiac and other points in the county are to the effect that there is a decided increase in holdups and burglaries.

At Milford railroad depot early Monday thieves damaged articles which they did not desire to take, tearing the Christmas wrapping from several hundred holiday parcels and cracking the safe escaping with loot valued at several hundred dollars.

After knocking the combination off the office safe, the robbers took \$70 in cash and a number of checks.

A costly radio set was smashed to bits after being taken from its carton.

PROGRESSIVE BIBLE CLASS

The Progressive Bible Class held its regular meeting and Christmas party at the home of their president, Miss Meriah Andrews, Monday evening. Roll call was responded to by a very interesting program, which included reading, recitations and Christmas stories; also a talk given by Miss Brown, a guest of the day, house guest of Miss Emily Butterfield. Following the social hour and business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Miss Andrews and mother.

The January meeting will be held on January 17, with Mrs. Martha Warner, Miss Andrews was presented with a Jerusalem cherry tree plant by the class.

A Merry Christmas and glad New Year to all our members.
M. W. E. Sec.

SEVEN CRIMINALS GET PRISON SENTENCES

Seven sentences were given in circuit court ranging from six months to five years in state prisons, says the Pontiac Press. Judge Glenn C. Gillespie sentenced Henry Samuels and James Campbell to three and a half to five years in Jackson prison, and Charles Merriek to two to five years. They are Detroit men, who pleaded guilty to burglary of \$500 worth of hardware and guns from a Birmingham store.

Marshall Billings, 17 years old, self-confessed auto thief was sent to Jackson for six months to five years, and Archie Rehmman, 20 and James Demoss, also 20, of Rushville, Ill., who pleaded guilty to driving away automobiles, were given similar terms, the minimum recommended. They became home sick and stole a car to get back to Illinois, they told the court.

DEATH OF MRS. RUTENBAR

Mrs. Johanna Rutenbar, after an illness of seven months, died at her home in Livonia township Saturday, Dec. 18, 1926, aged 82 years eight months and twenty-one days.

The funeral was held Wednesday, conducted by Rev. John Bollens of the Farmington Evangelical church. Burial in Clarencville cemetery.

Mrs. Johanna Rutenbar, nee Hartz, was born March 26, 1844 at Wildberg, Pommern, Germany, where she was reared and confirmed. At the age of 19 she was married to Charles Rutenbar who passed away December 11, 1916.

Nine years after her marriage the family, parents and four children, came to this country and lived since 1874 in Livonia township.

The union was blessed with eleven children of which four are dead. The seven living children who mourn the death of a loving mother are: Herman Rutenbar (Minnie) Mrs. Edward Westlake, William, Albert, Edward, (Emma) Mrs. Claud Wright and (Eva) Mrs. Louis Fendt.

Besides these seven children, there are 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Lena Spaller and one brother, Adolph Hartz. With these the sons and daughters-in-law and a host of friends are mourning the death of the dear one.

BARN BURNS CAUSING LOSS OF \$17,000

A large barn on a farm owned by the Briggs Investment Co. of Detroit located on the Ten-Mile road a mile east and a mile north of this city was burned shortly before noon Saturday. The season's hay crop, grain and tools were also destroyed.

The Farmington fire department responded to a call for help, but the fire had gained considerable headway when it arrived. Efforts were directed toward saving a nearby garage. A large number of cattle, housed in the barn, were saved, being led out by the 14-year-old son of Earl Ager, the tenant.

The owners carried partial insurance on the barn, which was valued at \$15,000. The contents, valued at \$2,000, were not insured, however. The barn was built in 1919 by Albert Sukowski, then owner of the farm which he sold two years ago to the Briggs Improvement Co., the transaction being the first of many big farm deals which have marked real estate activity in this section. The building, modern in every way, required two years time in construction and was the pride of Mr. Sukowski who in his fourteen years as owner of the farm had made it a fine property.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It started in the hay mow. It is not known whether it will be rebuilt.

DIGNITY IN OFFICE

"The person of the official is certain to exercise a strong influence on the general respect for legally constituted authority. Accordingly, a man elected to a position in the government, whether local, state or national, should be meticulously correct in his own behavior. He is no longer a free citizen, who may be excused for occasional slipping; he represents order and law, and with such a status, he must be wary of yielding to human weaknesses."

"Michigan has not been embarrassed in recent years by officials of the type who make wild bets, indulge in fist fights in the state house and follow generally a free and easy mode of life. Yet many of the persons holding office in this state have not been without reproach. It is to be hoped that the incoming state and county officials will feel that they are set apart; that the responsibility for exemplary conduct rests heavily upon them. Let it be said here and more, as the years pass, that Michigan is known for having upright men and women in its public offices."—Jackson Citizen Patriot.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUB

It was a fine chicken dinner that greeted the members of the Exchange Club at the Tuesday noonday luncheon. The dining hall was appropriately decorated and in the center of the room stood a Christmas tree well laden with gifts contributed by the members which are now being distributed among the children of the community by Rev. Dunlavy who was made the Club's Santa Claus for the purpose of seeing that their should be no forgotten one in Farmington this Christmas.

CAROLERS ENTERTAINED

Pupils from the seventh and eighth grades sang Christmas carols on the streets in Farmington Wednesday evening under the leadership of Miss Lulu Lockwood, music teacher in the Farmington schools.

Mrs. Ralph Auten opened her home to the carolers where they were delightfully entertained. Refreshments were served to forty-five.

BIG LAND DEAL

Sale of property on the western border of the village of Milford, has been announced by McAlpin and Kratzmayer, of Detroit, involves 487 acres owned by the president of the Pere Marquette railway, Frank H. Alfred, who accumulated the property during 1912 and 1915 has spent his summers there since. The consideration is reported to have been above \$200,000.