

## Epidemic of Robberies Is Feared

Possibility of an epidemic of holdups during the pre-holiday season is seen in the robbery staged at Earl Vivier's gas station Friday evening, and by an attempted hold-up on Grand River road near the Cut-off east of Farmington, which occurred on the same evening.

Gus Rosenboom, a night attendant at the Vivier station, at 32205 Grand River avenue, was held up at 11 o'clock by two men in a two-door sedan. Twenty-four dollars was taken by the bandits.

The two men, who posed as customers, asked Rosenboom to fill their tires with air. Rosenboom was alone at the station. The men searched him while he was filling the spare tire and took the \$24 from him.

Pointing a gun at him, the two men commanded Rosenboom to get inside the car. The gas station attendant was placed in the rear of the car, while one man guarded him with a gun. They released their captive at Brookdale and from where he went back to the station.

A passing bus driver who was suspicious of the car, when he saw the men release Rosenboom, turned his spotlight on the car, but the men sped away. The license plates on the automobile were covered, and the bus driver was unable to get the number.

A few hours previous, in the attempted holdup near the east end of the Cut-off, a car occupied by a man and his wife and child was forced toward the side of the road by a passing car. The intended victim could not say how many were in the other machine. They directed their intended victim to stop, but he eluded them and reached the cafe owned by Jack Crowley, where he summoned aid. Police were unable to locate the supposed bandit car from the indefinite clues given.

## F. H. S. COURT TEAM SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Displaying clever ball handling, but still a little weak on the basket eye the Farmington high school cagers rest from their battles until January 19 when they will battle with the thin class from Keego Harbor.

In their last two games, with Milford and Brighton Coach Kammerer's cagers showed a great improvement over the previous conference games with Northville and University High of Ann Arbor.

Against Milford, in their initial league game Farmington lost to a taller, more experienced Milford team, 23 to 12. For three quarters the game was a battle royal, but Milford put on a spurt of speed that permitted them to coast into victory.

Coach Kammerer, in an effort to find a winning combination, started an all senior team. Scott opened the game with a free throw that put Farmington into a lead which they held for four minutes, but Milford rang up four baskets in quick succession to take an 8 to 1 lead.

At the start of the second half the Farmington cagers were trailing by 12 to 4, but they put on a great exhibition of ball handling, and scored six points to come within in three points of their opponents. The score at the end of the third quarter was 12 to 10.

Going into the fourth quarter Farmington was elected on fouls, Milford found their basket eyes, and Farmington rapidly tired. This all worked together to spell defeat.

Farmington	fg	ft	pf
Davidson, Jr.	1	0	1
Leis, Jr.	1	0	2
Mitchell, C.	0	0	0
Liklatler, C.	0	0	1
Purper, Jr.	2	3	7
Grace, C.	0	0	2
Smith, Jr.	0	0	0
Himmelspach, Jr.	0	1	2
Scott, Jr.	0	0	1
Davis, Jr.	0	0	4
Mitchell, Jr.	0	1	1

Totals ..... 9 5 11 23

Milford ..... fg ft pf 12 12 12  
Kingsbury, Jr. 0 1 2  
A. Trudsdale, Jr. 0 2 2  
D. Trudsdale, Jr. 0 2 7  
Baker, Jr. 0 0 1  
Ehler, C. 0 2 1  
Hackbart, Jr. 0 0 0  
Tressler, Jr. 0 3 2  
Phillips, Jr. 0 0 1  
Sheffler, Jr. 0 0 2

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## Christmas Tree Is Focal Point Of Farmington Decorations

Christmas is always a gay season. The children's delights know no bound during this period of the year. Grow-ups too often feel that they are in their second child hood.

Christmas is not only merry, gay, joyous, but it is also colorful. The traditional green and red streamers, Christmas wreaths, trees, ornaments, tinsel, all are a part of this color that delights the heart.

Farmington people also enjoy lighting merchants have again captured the spirit and have created a colorful atmosphere for the shoppers.

Farmington's focal point of Christmas decoration this year is the evergreen trees. The tree east of the Town Hall sheds its colored lights on strangers and home folks. In numerous window displays merchants have put decorated Christmas trees in the windows of the Detroit Edison, Olin Russell, Farmington Hardware, Farmington Drug Store, and the Hamlin Store, the tree with its tinsel and colored lights and ornaments attract the eye of the passerby. As one steps into the Farmington State Bank a cheerful tree greets one. The evergreen beautifies the Farmington Dairy here their lights also.

In the windows of the Farmington Hardware Store a cozy room with a fire place, hanging stockings, trees and toys attract the shopper. Stanley Smith at the Farmington Drug Store also has an attractive display that pleases the children. Santa bobs up and down the chimney as the doings swing open. Falling snow, trees and toys complete the scene. A novel display has also been erected by the Dickerson Hardware. Their counters all have taken the form of a house, with a brick foundation and roof, and protruding chimney.

Grocery stores are most naturally appealing to the appetite. At Kroger's, the abundance of oranges, grapefruit, nuts, and candy are tempting. Delos Hamlin, who has his window attractively decorated with Christmas fruits and goodies.

## Farmington Has Clever Women

The ingenuity of Farmington women has come to the fore once again. This time they solved for themselves the "What to buy for hubby for Christmas" question. There idea is novel and economical to say the least.

It isn't nice to go around and tell men what their wives are going to give them for Christmas, but one can hardly help overheard what the women conversed about as they walk down the street or gather in the stores.

Men, what do you think your Santa Claus is going to put into your sock this year? Shhh! Don't say anyone told you, but you might find—license plates.

The year 1936 is almost here, and people in Farmington realize this. Accordingly the office of V. R. Blakeley is busy these last few days of December. Applications for the new Michigan plates are coming in at a brisk rate.

## Truck Is Found After Hi-jacking

Most of the beer, and the truck, which had been hijacked near Highland, were recovered by Detroit police. Seven men were questioned, but no definite arrests have been made.

The truck was found abandoned on Detroit's east side Saturday. All the barrels of beer were found in possession of several Detroit merchants who had purchased the beer from the hijackers or their aids.

One merchant was found to have purchased 375 cases of beer for the truck. Other dispensers had purchased the beer in 30 and 20-case lots.

Clyden Bunce, driver of the truck, and the merchants who had purchased the beer could not identify the seven men who were brought in for questioning by the police. The seven men were kept in custody, however, and awaited further questioning.

The hijacking scene occurred on Grand River avenue, north of Highland last week. Three armed men stopped Bunce. Two of the men took Bunce into their car and tied him to a tree on Farmington road, three-quarters of a mile from Highland road. The third hijacker drove on with the truck.

The load on the truck was valued at close to \$1,500. There were 465 cases of bottled beer, 30 half-barrels and 16 quaters, all malted.

## FARMINGTON SCHOOLS TO GET STATE MONEY

All school districts in the Farmington area in the near future will be the recipients of the first installment of Thatcher-Sauer money issued by the state, as will 27 other Oakland County school districts. Farmington district will share the money to the extent of \$8,033.

This money is distributed by the state, but each school district applies for its share from the county treasurer. Allotment of this money is based on a 2 1/2 mill levy spread by the various school districts. A total of \$48,114 will be distributed to the 28 school districts.

Thatcher-Sauer money can not be used for capital investment, for debt service, or for the paying of salaries of school board members. However, this money may be used for any other operating costs.

Thatcher-Sauer money is the second financial allotment issued to Oakland County schools in the past year. Previously the individual districts were given their share of supplemental primary money. Farmington's share of supplemental money this year was \$5,525. This money is issued by the state government, and is to be used only for the payment of teachers' salaries.

## 4-H Club Honors Farmington Girl

Miss Wilma Wedkye of Farmington, is one of 200 young people honored at the annual achievement dinner for 4-H summer club work. The banquet was held at the Central Methodist school in the city last Monday. Miss Wedkye was honored for her outstanding service in club work.

Following dinner a program was given. Miss Genevieve Gilligan, Michigan state delegate, lectured on "The Land and Illustrated her lecture with pictures of native flowers.

## Goodfellows To Do Their Annual Work

The needy of Farmington and vicinity will not be forgotten this year as Goodfellows will again be on hand to spread their message of glad tidings, goodwill and joy. Christmas will again be Christmas in the homes of the unfortunate, for baskets of food and goodies will be distributed to them on the day before.

Each year at Christmas time the Goodfellows engage in this charitable work, and the response from the people of the community who donate money and goods is increasing each year. Accordingly this year the Goodfellows hope to receive the finest co-operation yet bestowed on these willing workers.

Stress will be placed on financial donations this year, although food and other necessities will also be appreciated. The Goodfellows, including members of Exchange Club, American Legion, and the various churches, plan on a house-to-house canvass of the Farmington area.

All Farmington is receiving envelopes from these canvassers, and already contributions are coming in. Every family who is able to give something, is asked to do so, however small the sum. The envelopes without identifying marks, are to be placed in a box provided for that purpose in the Farmington - State Bank. The envelopes will not be collected at the homes.

Before Saturday night the committee in charge asks that all contributions be in at the bank not later than Saturday evening, so that they can have time to make final arrangements for the distribution. All are urged not to neglect to do their share of charitable work, and it is hoped that the residents will make special efforts to have their contributions before Saturday evening.

Barrels are placed in the various food markets again for any food and clothing contributions that the buying public wishes to donate.

The money which is collected will be used to buy articles to fill baskets for the needy, but the kiddies will come in for their tokens of love from these Goodfellows. The usual nuts, candies and goodies, will be included once again. However the more nourishing articles will receive particular emphasis.

Joseph Himmelspach is again in charge of the Goodfellows. Various duties, such as the purchase of supplies, distribution of envelopes, gathering of names, and the actual distribution of baskets to needy homes will be under his supervision.

The Goodfellows will meet Tuesday afternoon with their cars to prepare and distribute the baskets. They will welcome any assistance in the caring for the needy.

## Christmas Club Is Started

Thrifty Farmington people are thinking of Christmas 1935 as already here, yet still they are thinking of 1936, following the announcement by the Farmington State Bank that the bank opens Christmas Club.

For the first time in five years Farmington is to have a Christmas Club, and bank officials are certain that the people of Farmington welcome the new state bank.

The Christmas Club is to operate just as any Christmas club operates. A person places a small sum of money in the bank weekly and at the end of 52 weeks he has a big dividend. The customer can pay 25 cents, or \$1 and have a corresponding dividend. If he cares to, he can set aside \$20 for 50 weeks, and at the end of the fiftieth week he will have \$1,000 saved.

The Farmington depositors officials say, "There is a class for every pocket book. Join as many classes as you wish. There is no red tape, no trouble, no fine. You can leave. You get back every cent you pay in. It is the easy and sure way to have money for Christmas—for gifts, clothes, taxes, or year-end expenses."

## Farmington Man In Automobile Accident

Only one automobile accident in the Farmington area was reported to police during the past week. That occurred Tuesday noon, at Orchard Lake and Grand River roads. The automobile, driven by William Wilson, Farmington, collided with a machine driven by Walter Stanley, employed by the Plymouth Mail, newspaper in that town.

According to officials both automobiles were going east on Grand River road. Stanley started to make a left hand turn onto Orchard Lake road, when Wilson attempted to pass on the left side. The collision resulted, Wilson's car, which was reported as going at a high rate of speed, swerved off to the side of the road and hit a tree. Wilson was injured.

Driving with Stanley was his wife. Stanley was with Wilson at the time of the accident.

## MICHIGAN COACH ADDRESSES TEAM, EXCHANGEITES

Farmington High School football players thrilled to hear Wallace Weber, backfield coach and assistant to Coach Harry Kipke of the University of Michigan, address the team Wednesday evening sponsored by Farmington Exchange club, at the Methodist church. Supt. John Dalrymple introduced the speaker for the evening.

One hundred business men, students and guests were on hand to help the squad celebrate one of their finest grid records in recent years. Their record for the season just closed was five victories, one defeat and one tie.

By sponsoring this dinner members of Exchange club revived the old tradition of feting high school football teams after the close of each season.

The certain has been rung down on the high school football careers of eight veterans. Coach Kammerer will find it necessary to fill the holes left vacant by the following men: Captain Harvey Himmelspach, Harry Linklater, Carl Smith, Bill Davidson, Bill Mitchell, George Pare and Hanley Harrington.

Dinner was served by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, with Mrs. William Leslie, concert master, and first violinist of the Ann Arbor Symphony orchestra, according to a recent announcement.

Presented at the "Festivities" at Ann Arbor. Following the rendition of the program the probability of a European trip by the entire symphony group was made public.

Mrs. Leslie is the wife of William Leslie, Farmington attorney. She teaches in the school of music at the University of Michigan. Last year she was a teacher in Farmington Freshman College.

## Two Cameramen Are Reported on the Loose in Farmington Area

People who travel the highways and the byways in the Farmington area during the coming week are quite likely to see two cameramen on the loose. No, neither the Associated Press, nor Hollywood's ace MGM photographers have been seen in this vicinity.

The two photographers are amateurs. They attend Farmington High School. On a recent Tuesday after school they decided to investigate a trap which they set some time previous in a nearby woods.

For a whole week, every night after school they went to investigate the trap, but all the four-legged little animals seemed to avoid it. They planned to wait until fall for that old trap would fall had seen too many of their relatives perish by the wayside through those mediums.

"Well, I suppose it will be the same old story tonight," said Ralph Banfield, one of the youths, as they hurriedly approached the trap.

"I'm getting sick of this. What do you say we forget about it?" replied Ross Volkenburg.

"Have a little patience, guys, can't you?"

The only answer was a snort. This soon turned to a cry of joy, however, as the boys saw the treasure that was stored in their trap—a white mink—a rarity for Michigan.

Why the camera? Ralph and Ross sold the fur of the white mink to the Vreeland Fur Company at Walled Lake. They didn't think of snapping a photo of the mink—so now they are determined to capture the white mink's model. They Van promoted their selves not to forget a second time.

## Seniors Plan A Trip—Unofficially

A group of twenty Farmington High School seniors intend to take a tour of the nation's capitol at Washington following their graduation next spring. They plan actually to raise money for their expenses. Their efforts will be carried on as individuals, however, rather than as a senior class. The Board of Education definitely went on record in opposing the program, at its December meeting last Thursday night.

Carl Smith, president of the senior class, who represented his class at the board meeting, asked the board to give its official sanction to the seniors' plans for raising money for the proposed trip.

Board members assured Smith that the group did not wish to go against an act of non-sanction, but national opportunity that the sightseeing tour would offer them, but inasmuch as only 20 out of a class of 60 would be able to make the trip, board members expressed the belief that it would not be right for the 20 seniors to raise funds in the name of the senior class.

According to Smith the seniors who are to make the trip will endeavor to raise their money unaffiliated with the school. They will call a meeting after the Christmas holidays, when the decision on the Washington trip will be reached.

At present the students are thinking of sponsoring house parties, dances and food sales to raise a greater portion of their money.

The "Washington Club" will give their first function Friday, December 27 in an effort to raise money for their proposed trip. Members are sponsoring a New Year's Dance at the Glen Oaks Country Club. Henry Malover's collegians will furnish the music. Dancing will be from 9 to 11. Admission is \$1 a couple.

## TOWNSHIP TAX ROLL TOTALS \$77,782.56

Farmington Township's tax roll for 1935 totals \$77,782.56. Township Treasurer Loretta E. Cox began making collections Monday at the Farmington State Bank in the office of City Clerk N. H. Power, and will continue collecting till March 1.

The treasurer is of the opinion that most of the taxes will be paid by January 10, although there generally is a heavy collection during the last two weeks of February.

Township Board Members at their monthly meeting last Tuesday voted to set the 1933 state tax of three Farmington Township Spanish-American War veterans. The taxes total approximately \$130.

The three veterans are Charles Robert Free Menke and John McGuigan. Robert has already paid his taxes, but he will be reimbursed. The taxes of Menke and McGuigan will be paid to the state directly by the Township Treasurer.

Township Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers will add to his duties after January 1 the inspection of six township water hydrants, which was added to the township official as a result of the agreement reached between the township board and Detroit city officials.

Since July 1 the township taxpayers are paying a lower water rate. They now pay 15 cent more than the Detroit rate, whereas they formerly paid twice the city rate.

The board adds warning to township residents that they are not permitted to tamper with the hydrants, unless they apply to the highway commissioner for a permit. The permits will cost \$5.

## Aldrich Reported To Be Improving

Word has been received from Clarence Aldrich, who is in Florida for his health, that he is improving. He is the proprietor of Aldrich Nursery, 29215 Grand River avenue.

Mr. Aldrich, who is suffering from asthma, left for Florida November 19. Formerly of Midwestern 1924 Farmington, had drove with Aldrich to Florida, and returned a few days later.

Florida weather this winter is considered to be normal since the recent hurricane.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO HAVE FEATHER PARTY FEB. 20

The Farmington post of the American Legion will hold a feather party at the Town Hall Friday, December 20. There will be a door prize. All are invited to attend.

## Sun Upsets Chances For New Dreary Mark

That shy, foxy old weatherman almost established a new record for drab, and dreary days in the past 30 consecutive days, but Old Sol wouldn't permit it.

In the final days of November the bewhiskered weatherman tied a previous record when he put Old Sol on the "shell" for 17 consecutive days, and during the first weeks in December he will win on his way to equal this mark, and even better it.

For 10 days, starting with December 7, the sun made its appearance. On the eleventh day, December 17, according to one of Farmington's oldest observers, the sun peeped through the haze and mist for 15 minutes—and no record was set.

## School Out Of Financial Difficulty

The excellent financial condition of Farmington City will soon be matched by that of Farmington School District No. 5, as a result of the approval by the Board of Education of a 30 year refunding program which has been under consideration for some time. The board acted favorably on the program at its December meeting last Thursday evening, and the bondholders' approval is regarded as assured.

Under the plan, all of the school district's bonded debt of \$60,000 will be spread over a period of 30 years at present 3.5% of the bonded debt is in default as to principal, and all of it as to interest. By refunding, the \$35,000 in bonds now past due will be paid, and the remaining \$25,000 not yet due, will be spread over the longer period. The interest now due amounts to about \$5,500 and this is to be paid up, as part of the refunding program. Hereafter, \$5,000 will be required annually for debt service, \$2,000 for principal and \$3,000 for interest. Interest will remain at the same rate, 3 1/2 and 4% per cent, but may be called for or cancelled at any time. Since the bonds are held by only a few owners, practically all of whom have been contacted, the Board is virtually certain that the plan will go through shortly. It will put the district in the condition of having all bonds in good standing, with interest paid to date, just as is the city, and with the terms for the future on a basis as can be met without great difficulty.

The program has been approved by the State Public Debt Commission, which is required in all bond refunding in Michigan.

## Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party

Farmington Woman's Club held their Christmas party Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lenora Gilde-meister. Gifts and refreshments were enjoyed a very entertaining program.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson sang "The Shepherds" by Peter Cornelius, and "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro A. Doni. Mrs. J. Hudson P. Scott accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Don Virgil Button gave two readings, "Patience, Patience" and "The Storm." Mrs. Lenora Gilde-meister presented the "Five Folios of the Star."

Tea was served by the committee, Mrs. Mabel Checkett, Mrs. Lola Ross and Miss Ruth Tuttle.

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