



CONGRATULATIONS go to Joe Himmelspach. He completed 21 years of business in Farmington on December 31. Not bad, Joe, not bad.

RED CROSS The drive to raise Farmington's quota of the American Red Cross War Relief Fund is going strong. This city has been asked for \$2100. It's going to require the support of everyone to raise that amount. Contributions are being accepted at the bank at any time and on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday a Red Cross member will be present to accept money in person. Be sure to do your part.

HAPPY NEW YEAR Well, 1942 has arrived with the usual cheer and the usual hangovers. But no matter how terrific the headaches, there's one comforting thought. It's another new beginning—a fresh start—and that's always good. It's a good time to yourself and a good time to the inventory at the office. What 1942 will bring, no one knows. One thing we unanimously hope for is peace for the entire world. Well, all we can do is say a few prayers and keep our fingers crossed. Maybe, with a unanimous hope for peace and security, the world itself can make 1942 bring something better than its predecessor contributed. Happy new year to everyone from the Enterprise staff.

THE PATRIOTISM of the town is overwhelming. The whole sum of 27 persons registered for civilian defense work last week over a three-day registration period. There should have been almost a 100 percent turnout. Of course, it was a bad time as many were busy with holiday plans and others were out of town for Christmas. Now that it is time to get back to normal after the holidays, everyone should sign up. They may do so at the city hall at any time.

POST OFFICE HAS BUSIEST SEASON IN ITS HISTORY

Farmington Post Office employees are still working overtime, as a result of the huge volume of mail handled during the Christmas season.

Postmaster Norman Lee stated Tuesday that this year was the biggest year the Farmington Post Office had yet seen. At the present time, despite the extra help secured for the rush season and the long hours the employees put in, there still remains some 5,000 Christmas cards to be sorted and delivered on the three rural routes.

Mr. Lee explained that the rural routes are so large that with the normal amount of mail distribution it takes the rural carriers their full time to do the sorting and delivering. At Christmas time when the mail is so greatly increased, both in-coming and out-going, it is virtually impossible to keep up with mail each day, and consequently when Christmas is over, there are many cards yet to be delivered to the addresses. These must wait until there is time to sort them, as they can not interfere with the regular first class mail.

All mail and packages in the City have been cleared through the post office, however, and as soon as possible the mail for the routes will also be taken care of.

Mr. Lee said that very little mail bound for foreign countries went through this Christmas. There are so many ports closed by the lines that few Farmington residents are likely to send anything to Europe. Packages must be under five pounds in weight, and must contain no more than two pounds of any one food, and this curtailment also stopped many boxes from sending Christmas presents away.

Accurate figures are not yet available on the volume of business for the past quarter, but there is no doubt but what they will show the largest business period the Farmington post office has ever experienced.

THANKS!

The Goodfellows of Farmington wish to extend their sincere thanks to all those men who helped deliver the Christmas baskets on the 24th of December. It was a job well done!

Registration In Township Starts Friday

City Residents May Register At City Hall

Volunteer registration for civilian defense work will begin Friday for Farmington Township residents. The registration is for non-protective services only. Those who wish to register are urged to study the various classifications outlined in last week's Enterprise, so that each registrant will have some idea of which division he is best suited for, and what type of work he can do for national civilian defense. Among the many classifications offered, there are undoubtedly a number of branches each volunteer may qualify for.

The Township residents will have an opportunity to register at the Town Hall on Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3, and on Monday, January 5, from 9:00 in the morning until four in the afternoon, and each evening from 7:00 to 9:00.

Frank N. Steele is the Farmington Township chairman for civilian defense, and is in charge of the registration.

City Registration Light Although three full days were allowed for City residents to register at the City Hall, only 27 volunteered their services. Those that perhaps many wanted to register, but were not aware of the close of registrations on Saturday evening, Mayor Gillemeter, local civilian defense chairman, has arranged for Mrs. Avis Jamison to take registrations at the City Hall. Anyone wishing to offer their services may see Mrs. Jamison during regular working hours, and she will be glad to assist in properly filling out the registration card.

The importance of civilian defense in our present crisis is a matter of vital concern to all of us, and everyone that is able to help in this national drive, is urged to register now.

Schultz Home Wins Prize

So many attractive house decorations appeared in Farmington this Christmas that judges of the Grand Club contest have had a hard time reaching a decision. Finally, however, after viewing all the arrangements in the city and township, they have awarded the first prize to the home of the Rev. Carl Schultz of the Evangelical Church, at 3342 Oakland. Here the porch was very effectively decorated with a pair of tall, luminous red candles against a background of evergreen boughs.

Three other houses were singled out for honorable mention. That of Guy McCollom, at 2269 1/2 Brookdale, was set off with a row of blue lights outlining the roof, a lighted star on each gable. A brightly decorated Christmas tree stood near the steps, and there were lighted candles in the windows.

C. U. Applegate's home at 2740 Ten Mile was somewhat similarly decorated, with multi-colored lights around the eaves. The traditional Christmas wreath hung in the doorway and the front of the house was flood-lit.

Charles Mathews Dies At Walled Lake Home

Charles Mathews, a life-long resident of Walled Lake and a member of the Walled Lake community, passed away on Christmas day after a illness of only three days. He died at his farm home on 13 Mile Road.

Mary Power Wed Tuesday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Power of Farmington Road announce the marriage of their daughter Mary

Power chose a street dress of blue wool with a white collar and white roses. Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge left on a short trip south. The bride is employed in the business office of the Michigan Telephone Company in Farmington.

Lady Patrons At Civic To Receive Dinnerware

Beginning Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, and continuing every Wednesday and Thursday thereafter, every lady patron of the Civic Theatre will receive Harker's hot oven "Modern Art Tulip" dinnerware. The first gift will be a fancy salad bowl and each week a different item will be received by ladies attending the movies on Wednesday and Thursday.

Students Work In Business Places For School Credit

Students in the Vocational Training program are being trained for various occupations in the monthly magazine published by the state board of control for vocational education at Lansing.

Following is Mr. Ryan's article. "Good morning folks! It is 8 a.m. and I am in the classroom and I am gradually awakening from my 'long winter nap' and preparing for the rush and bustle of another day."

"Our first visit is to the office of Superintendent O. E. Dunckel. He decides questions of school policy as they affect Vocational Training. Since the program is in constant contact with the outside, there are many problems involving employers, unions, newspapers, community leaders and community organizations which must be brought to his attention."

Two Arrested In Property Destruction

Violation Cases Reach New High

Two men have been arrested and three others are sought for malicious destruction of personal property, in connection with the recent milk strike. The two who have been arrested are Clarence and Byron Musolf. They are charged with setting a truck on fire at a Detroit creamery on December 18, in Lyon Township, and destroying the load of milk, as well as doing damage to the truck. The examination is set for January 6 at 10:00 a. m. before Justice John J. Schutte.

Six unusually large number of traffic violation cases have been brought into Court this week also. Jacob James Hill, 523 Grand River, Detroit, was given a suspended sentence on a charge of improper overtaking and passing on 12 Mile Road at U. S. 24.

W. C. Henning of Novi was charged with travelling 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile speed zone on U. S. 16 in Farmington. He pleaded guilty and paid \$50.00 costs.

Malcolm VanVeyer, 33005 Orchard street, Farmington received a suspended sentence when he entered a plea of guilty to speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone on U. S. 16 in the City of Farmington.

For failure to stop for a through highway, U. S. 16 in New Hudson, Clarence G. Wittlock of New Hudson, received a sentence of \$50.00 fine and \$5.00 costs, or 20 days in the Oakland County Jail was the sentence given Van George Foster, 307 N. Magnolia, Lansing, when he entered a plea of guilty to changing of a speeding 45 to 45 miles per hour in 25 mile zone on U. S. 16 in Farmington. He paid the fine and costs.

Thomas Morris, 22401 St. Clair, Detroit donated \$2.00 to the Good...

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MERCHANTS WIN TO IMPROVE LEAGUE STANDING

The Farmington Merchants improved their standing last Tuesday evening, when they defeated the Plymouth Plate team, and they now have three victories against two losses.

The Merchants are wearing their blue gray and scarlet playing suits which were purchased for the team by the business men of Farmington. They make quite a showing on the floor, and their games have been well worth any sports enthusiast's attention.

In the Plymouth Plate game, the Merchants led all the way, with the score at the half, 19 to 11 in Farmington's favor. On the Farmington team, Catherine and Banfield tied for high score honors, each man making nine points. Egloff of Plymouth Plate was outstander for his scoring ability, making 22 of the team's 34 points.

Preceding the Farmington Merchants-Plymouth Plate game, Romulus met the Maplelawn team of Plymouth. This was a scrappy Romulus team struggling with the same time building their future in a profitable, established trade. Courses in aviation mechanics, ordnance and metallurgy, photography and radio are among the forty-five trades open to enlisted men entering the Navy to become specialists by attending the Navy trade schools and working under qualified instructors.

Both of these games were played on the floor of the Farmington High School gymnasium. The next Merchants game is scheduled to be on January 5, when they meet the Romulus Merchants at 7:00 o'clock on the floor of the gymnasium at Wayne High School.

U. of M. Professor To Address County Group



Dr. Claude Eggersten, instructor in the history of education at the University of Michigan, will head the panel discussion at the meeting of the Oakland County Council of Parents and Teachers, to be held Thursday, January 8, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium. It is announced by Mrs. A. T. Beardsley, president of the Farmington Parents-Teacher Association.

The topic for the discussion will be "What are Schools For?", and the panel will also include Mrs. T. Wiersma, a teacher at Drayton Plains; P. Johnson, teacher at Big Bear; High School; P. E. Searle, Superintendent of Ford Trade School; and T. Wood of Port Huron High School.

Dr. Eggersten, who will preside as chairman of the discussion, was formerly an instructor in Education at the University of Minnesota. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brigham Young University and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He has taught in the public schools of Utah and has served as a visiting instructor at the University of Colorado. In his capacity as instructor in the history of education at the University of Michigan, Dr. Eggersten offers courses in the history of education and educational sociology.

He has written a number of articles on adult education, teacher training, and the history of education.

Tuberculosis killed more Americans in 1940 than were killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, during the First World War.

NOTICE!

Residents of the City of Farmington who wish to volunteer their services for the civilian defense program will have an opportunity to do so by registering at the City Hall, on January 8 and 9, 13 and 14, from one to seven p. m.

Red Cross War Drive Is On To Raise \$2100

FARMINGTON BOY GRADUATES FROM NAVY AIR SCHOOL

Wilburn G. Smith, son of Mr. Chancy C. Smith of 20325 Farmington Road, recently was graduated from the Aviation Metalsmith School at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., according to an announcement by that station's Public Relations Office.

Smith enlisted in the Navy at the Detroit recruiting office in May and was sent to the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., for his elementary training.

He came to Pensacola in August to enter the school, and upon graduation became eligible for promotion to Aviation Metalsmith 3rd Class, a petty officer rating with a considerable increase in pay.

Smith is one of the many enlisted men in the Navy today who are serving their country and at the same time building their future in a profitable, established trade. Courses in aviation mechanics, ordnance and metallurgy, photography and radio are among the forty-five trades open to enlisted men entering the Navy to become specialists by attending the Navy trade schools and working under qualified instructors.

Fire Destroys Van's Gardens

Whipped by a strong wind, fire completely destroyed the farm home of Professor VanHellemon, 36135 Seven Mile Road, Monday morning, December 29.

The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock, by Mrs. Palster, a neighbor who was passing the house. She called the Redford Fire Department, which in turn called Farmington and Northville. All three units answered the call.

Neighbors cleared the house of most of its belongings before fire could destroy them. VanHellemon, an employer of the Henry Ford Hospital, was not at home at the time of the fire, nor were any of his family. The house was completely destroyed, and an adjoining greenhouse was partially wrecked when the chimney fell on it.

The fire company held the fire in check for about three quarters of an hour. Witnesses stated the fire started around the chimney at the rear of the house. The fire was held there by the companies, until the water supply exhausted. A well on the property was used in a vain attempt to stop the spreading flames, but it proved inadequate. The wind soon whipped the fire throughout the entire structure.

Property damage was estimated at between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The house was partially covered by insurance.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO AID IN BOND RALLY

The local committee for civilian defense, headed by Mayor Leo Gillemeter, is cooperating with the Defense Bond and Stamp Committee of which Joseph Himmelspach is chairman, in making arrangements for the rally to be held Monday evening, January 12, at the High School Auditorium.

Frank N. Isbey, chairman for defense bonds sales for the State of Michigan, will speak on the importance of buying defense stamps and bonds, and will give other vital information regarding the bonds and the very important relationship they have with our National defense program.

For civilian defense, it is hoped that Captain Donald S. Leonard of the Michigan State Police, will be able to speak. If it is not possible for Mr. Leonard to come, speakers will be obtained from Detroit in connection with the metropolitan defense program.

Every citizen of Farmington and community owes it to himself and his country to attend this patriotic rally. Be sure that you are present.

Contributions Are Being Received At Farmington State Bank

The drive to raise Farmington's quota of \$2100 for the American War Relief Fund is under way this week following a meeting for organization on Friday night and the drive's opening on Saturday.

Contributions will be accepted at the Farmington State Bank at all times and on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday a Red Cross member will be present for the purpose of collecting donations.

Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt and Mrs. W. W. Slouin, co-chairmen of the membership drive, are also in charge of this special drive. Vice Blakeslee is canvassing business places on the south side of Grand River while Delos Hamlin is in charge of sections from the north side. Ernest Blanchard, supervisor, is chairman for the drive in the township and is being assisted by Joseph DeVriendt, deputy sheriff.

JOIN WITH RED CROSS

Mr. Blakeslee has reported that he has already canvassed about 80 percent of the business places in his territory with about 35 percent success. Mr. Hamlin expects to begin his drive about Friday of this week.

Mrs. Slouin stated that no hours of volunteer canvases is allowed unless residents fail to respond to the appeal for funds to be left at the bank.

"We hope for the generous response which we have always had in Farmington," she said and added, "If everyone does his part, we can raise our quota." Mrs. Slouin also emphasized that the money taken in will be used exclusively for soldiers of this country and its possessions.

Work has already started on a house-to-house canvase in the Township. Supervisor Blanchard has appointed four chairmen for the different sections of the Township, and each chairman is to select her own committee. In the northwest section, Mrs. Lettie Gascon is chairman. Mrs. Jennie Lapham in the southwest; Mrs. Frances Billing in the southeast and Mrs. Hilda Pink in the northeast.

GRAND RAPIDS MAN KILLED IN CUT-OFF ACCIDENT

Harold C. Wilmarth, secretary of the W. B. Arvle Co. Hardware Supplies of Grand Rapids was killed instantly Friday morning, at the corner of Farmington Cut-Off and Nine Mile Road, when his car left the road, crashed into a tree and turned over in a ditch. It was believed that he either fell asleep or was momentarily blinded by the snow that had just started to fall.

The State Police estimated that the accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock on Friday morning, but the wreckage was not discovered until around 5:00 o'clock when some morning news boys came by delivering papers.

The car, a 1941 Chrysler, had been traveling at a high rate of speed and had completely demolished. Mr. Wilmarth was on his way from Grand Rapids to Detroit where he had a morning business appointment.

The body was removed to the Thayer Funeral Home, and later taken to the Grand Rapids home of Mr. Wilmarth's wife, beside his wife, a son who is a student at the University of Michigan, and a small daughter.

"The danger of tuberculosis is increased in times of stress and strain and during the period when we must all go out for defense. Special care must be taken to guard against further and new inroads of the disease," declared Dr. Bruce H. Dugan, Detroit, president of the National Tuberculosis Association.