



FOOTBALL MEN... of Farmington High School are looking forward to the dinner being planned for them the night of December 15, by Farmington Football Club. Exchanges will also be present at the Inter-Club meeting. The speaker is none other than Wally Weber, enough to bring joy to any football fan's heart.

OLD BOOKS... and jigsaw puzzles are being collected by Girl Scouts of Troop 7, and will be given to the U.S.O. Look around your home—we're sure to find some that you can add to the drive. Call Marjorie Hunt at 332 or Ann Faulkner at 31, and they will see that your contributions are collected and given to the U.S.O.

MUFFLERS AND MITTENS... and anything else that would add to the warmth of the wearer, were much the order of the day, along about Wednesday when that young blizzard hit Farmington. Didn't seem to make a bit of difference what they looked like, just so long as they proved to be warm.

OUR OWN BLACKOUT... exclusive to Farmington, is being staged down at the corner of Grand River and Power, what with the Lapham gas station closing early for a couple of nights, and the corner street light being out, too. You need a match to see which way you are going.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD... came through Thursday morning, which reminds me that we'd do well to at least decide what we want to do about Christmas this year—let alone setting down to actually doing it.

SOLDIERS... really ought to "stay put" at this time of year. It is most confusing and not at all amusing—to get a package or letter all set, and then find that they have moved, so it all has to be re-addressed again. Take a letter to our Congressman, "Dear George—"

Exchangeites Plan Activity

Members of Farmington Exchange Club held a general discussion at their meeting on Wednesday. They voted unanimously to attend the community Christmas party on December 15, at the High School Gymnasium. Also on December 16, Exchange members will hold a regular noon day luncheon meeting, but will meet with the Kiwanis Club in the evening. Exchangeites also pledged to do all they could to support "Avenge December 7—On To Victory Week" from December 5 through December 13. They will, of course, be out for the Goodfellow paper sale on December 11, and will work on the Canned Goods Show on December 22.

The Exchange Club Quartet of the week, Dr. R. Aschenbrenner, Dr. Joseph Norton, Roy Miller and Rev. Howard Busching rendered "The Old Oaken Bucket" with the entire membership joining in on a lusty chorus. Dr. Norton was winner of the Pot of Gold or Defense Stamps. Dr. Claude Goodies is in charge of next week's program.

Obituaries

Richard Reinke Richard Dale, the two day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reinke, died Sunday, November 29. A prayer service was held at the Heaney Funeral Home on Tuesday morning, with Rev. Howard Busching officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Harry J. Hamill The body of Harry J. Hamill was shipped here from Indianapolis for burial. Services were held at the Heaney Funeral Home at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 2. Rev. Howard Busching officiating. Burial was at Oak View Cemetery, Royal Oak. Mr. Hamill was the son of John C. Hamill and the late Emma L. Hamill. He also had two sisters, Mrs. Grace I. Spicer of Farmington and Mrs. May R. Shook of Detroit.

Wilkinson Funeral Held Monday

Soldier Is Buried At Military Service The entire community was saddened Wednesday of last week when word was received of the death of Private Frederick Gordon Wilkinson, at Camp Walters, Tex. Gordon, 25 years of age, had lived and attended school here, graduating in the class of 1935 from Farmington High School. He was inducted in the United States Army on August 8, 1941, and following a brief stay at Fort Custer, was stationed at Camp Walters, with the 56th Training Battalion. Death came as the result of head injuries.

A full military funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Farmington Baptist Church, with Rev. Fred Fisher officiating, assisted by American Legion Chaplain, Dr. M. E. Siple of Pontiac. Pallbearers and Color Guard were men from the United States Post of the American Legion, pallbearers being Frank Barber, Carl Goers, Charles Willard, Frank Lowrie, Joe DeVriendt and Fred Schaeper, and flag bearers, William White and John Alford. The rifle squad was sent from Fort Wayne, Detroit. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving Private Wilkinson are his wife, Wilma, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkinson, two brothers, Corporal Joseph W. Wilkinson on California, Edward E. at home, and three sisters, Grace, Ruth and Shirley, all at home. The following bit of verse, handed to Private Wilkinson's father, was written by a fellow soldier.

To A Great Soldier: To us who know, what soldiers really are, The things they think, the things they do when afar, We know what makes a soldier great. It isn't chance, nor luck, nor fate, It isn't alone the uniform we wear, It helps, it's true, but it's the man beneath who comes to bear. The man, who by his actions, thoughts and debates, Proves his love for these United States. The man who by his love of God, his faith, his trust, Thinks and acts as he feels he must. This faith which makes him stronger, bolder, My brother, "You were a great soldier."

To us who know, what soldiers are, Dear brother, you outank us all by far.

FARMINGTON LOSES PRACTICE BASKETBALL GAME

Farmington played host to Wayne in a practice game Tuesday, November 24, and lost the game by a 22-17 count. In losing, Farmington boys gave a good account of themselves, as they led in the first period and were tied until the last period. Ernie Mitchell first identified the baskets with two free throws on a foul by Wayne, putting the Blue and White in the lead. Farmington scored another basket before Wayne could break the tie. As the quarter ended, the score was Farmington 10, Wayne 7. In the second quarter, Wayne tied it up with two baskets and one free throw, making it seven all. In the third quarter, Farmington had two baskets and two free throws, while Wayne had one basket and four free throws. In the last quarter, when the score was 13 all, Wayne decided to do a bit of scoring, ringing up two baskets and one free throw. Farmington had only one basket left in the game. The final score was Wayne 23 and Farmington 17. Since this was a practice game, it doesn't count in the league standings.

Principal E. V. Ayres spent Thursday and Friday of this week in Lansing attending a conference of High School Principals.

Civic Theatre Bond Drive Will Mark "On To Victory" Week

Mayor Delos Hamlin this week, in a letter to the Civic Theatre, endorses the observance of "Avenge December 7—On To Victory Week" to be held from December 6 through December 12. The letter read as follows: "I have learned that the theatres throughout the country are designating the second week of December as 'Avenge December 7—On To Victory Week' and it is hoped that all will find themselves of the opportunity offered by the bank, the post office and the Civic Theatre, to purchase at least one extra bond during this time."

Knowning that Americans everywhere are anxious to do their part and more, and realizing that on all fronts, must go on and on until final victory is won, and that many of them are our own sons and brothers—and being absolutely sure that the citizens of Farmington cannot be kept from any effort within their power, as demonstrated in the past, to promote success in the war effort;

"Penny Milk" Will Continue

Perhaps many of you noticed and read in Detroit papers where the Board of Education has done a wise thing and voted an additional \$12,000 for the school feeding program, to be devoted to providing penny milk to students in 87 schools, in cooperation with the Agricultural Marketing Administration. This will mean turning a half-pint of milk for one cent to thousands of school children until the end of the school year. Producers of milk get the full price, the children paying their pennies, the Board \$12,000, and Uncle Sam the rest.

People of Farmington will be particularly interested to know that the School Board of School District No. 5, City and Township of Farmington, voted to make up any deficit in funds for the purchase of milk here, a full week before it was so voted in Detroit. This means that children eating their lunch at the school cafeteria will continue to have milk each day, at the rate of one penny. Any items of produce used in the school cafeteria lunches are furnished by the government, through surplus commodities. The milk purchase is differently handled, however, and the Board, feeling that this is particularly constructive work that benefits everybody—and particularly the youngsters, voted to continue the penny milk program, providing additional money for any deficit that comes up. It means a lot of sickness will be avoided this winter.

Parents may be assured that their children, who eat lunches regularly at the school cafeteria, are getting a nourishing lunch at a minimum of expense.

PHYSICAL EXAMS GIVEN TOMORROW AT HIGH SCHOOL

Doctors of the Farmington area will be at the High School on Friday morning to give physical examinations to all boys in the school. This examination is held in connection with the school's physical fitness program. Next week on Wednesday, the County Health Department will hold a smallpox vaccination clinic at the school. All students who have not been vaccinated within the past five years, and who show a positive reaction to the test, will have the opportunity to take advantage of the clinic and be vaccinated. It is hoped that all of them will do so. It is particularly important just at this time, because of the population shifting that is going on, and the many people coming into the community.

Bond School Club Plans Christmas Party

The Bond School Club will hold their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 17, at eight o'clock. Each room will take part in the entertainment. The program is in charge of Mrs. Mildred Reed. All parents are urged to attend, and the public is invited. Classes will hold their parties on Friday, December 18.

Goodfellows Announce Drive

The annual Goodfellow paper sale is set for Friday, December 11. The sale this year is under the supervision of Judge John J. Schulte, and once again the Goodfellows of Farmington will sling paper bags over their shoulders and spend the day "calling the news" and asking your support in their annual drive. Remember the Goodfellows this year, and buy a paper from them next Friday, December 11. All money goes into the Goodfellow Fund, and is used for charitable work throughout the year, as well as at the Christmas season.

The annual Canned Goods show will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at two o'clock at the Civic Theatre. Santa Claus will be on hand, and there will be a bag of candy for each child attending. The admission, for each child and for every adult who attends with a child, is just a can of some canned food. All the food will be used to fill Christmas baskets.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Blue Star Mothers of America have been given the use of Farmington Town Hall for their meetings the third Thursday evening of each month, and will hold their first meeting at the hall on December 17, at eight o'clock. This group greatly appreciates the courtesy shown them by the City and Township, in the use of the hall.

The December meeting will be in the form of a Christmas party and each mother is to bring a box lunch and a 25c gift for exchange. The Blue Star Mothers sent boxes to service men over seas in November, and have also packed 35 boxes for service men in the States. They also report that they have an almost complete mailing list and are available to anyone who would like to obtain names and addresses of Farmington men in service, to send Christmas cards or greetings to them. Remember the boys away from home this year.

MARRIAGE OF ELEANOR PERRY IS ANNOUNCED

Announcement is made of the marriage of Eleanor Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Perry of Ford Republic, Inlet Road, to Warren H. Stafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Stafford of Louisville, Kentucky. The wedding took place November 13, at Wauson, Ohio. The bride, a graduate of Farmington High School, attended Marygrove College and Michigan State Normal College, and has been teaching at Woodworth School in Dearborn. Mr. Stafford is a graduate of the University of Louisville.

For The "Folks At Home"

We have a bunch of men to look after, march them about a half mile to chow three times a day, besides clean our own quarters and see that they clean theirs. We have been getting up at 5 a. m. lately, chow at 6:20, after chow I deliver the morning report to headquarters, come back and help march the men to chow. At 9 a. m. take the mail to the P.O., collect and sort the mail for the company. There is always something to do until 11:30 a. m. when we eat chow, then the rest of the company eat at 12 noon. At 3 p. m. I go for mail again. We chow at 4:20 p. m., the men eat at 5 p. m.

John W. Rockkey Dies November 25

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Testimonial Dinner Honors Farmington's Oldest Masons

ENSIGN GAYNIER IS AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS

Ensign O. J. Gaynier, reported missing in action following the battle of Midway, has been awarded the Navy Cross for valor "and his attack in the face of withering fire from anti-aircraft and attacks by 'Jap' planes." The citation was sent to Mrs. Gaynier for safe keeping until such time as Ensign Gaynier's status is determined. He was pilot of a torpedo plane.

Blood Bank Gets Quota

People of Farmington and community responded to the call for blood donors in such numbers, that every bottle the Unit had was filled. The Mobile Unit, of its third visit to Farmington, obtained 152 pints of blood. Eight bottles were contaminated, which makes the total of 160 pints that the Unit brings. The total registration for this visit of the unit was 187.

The cancer unit cooperated wonderfully well, and everything was done with a maximum of efficiency. Red Cross workers are particularly gratified at the response from donors, all anxious to do their part, and become a part of this great humanitarian work. It is hoped that when the unit returns in three or four months time, Farmington will again turn out, as they have in the past. Watch your paper for announcement of the next visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank.

HEALTH SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

To parents whose pre-school children are not under medical supervision, a valuable service is being offered through the cooperation of local physicians with the State and County Health Departments. This service includes protection against the preventable diseases, and early recognition of conditions which might result in sickness. A sick child in the home is a drain on the strength of a war worker. Keeping healthy and keeping the family healthy is the duty of every citizen. There may be conditions during the coming winter which will predispose to sickness, such as the rationing of fuel, food and lack of medical care. Hospital facilities are already overburdened and nursing care is difficult to obtain.

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Past Masters Put On Work For The Evening

It was a real night of celebration for members of Farmington Masonic Lodge last Monday night when they held Past Masters' Night and a testimonial dinner honoring James Hogle, on the occasion of his 85th birthday anniversary, and John Thayer, who is 89 years of age.

Blood Bank Gets Quota

The banquet was served in the downstairs hall at the Town Hall, and work for the evening, put on by the Past Masters, was held upstairs in the Lodge Rooms. A. L. Ross had baked a beautifully decorated birthday cake for the occasion, and this was divided, and half given to each of the two honored guests. Mr. Ross also gave a history of the Masonic Lodge and the important positions Mr. Hogle and Mr. Thayer have occupied in the development of the Farmington Lodge. Mr. Hogle has been a Master for 57 years, and Mr. Thayer for 61 years. Both are Past Masters.

George Gullen of Detroit entertained the members and guests with a most interesting and entertaining talk. Miss Ruth Bacon was in charge of the music, and brought a cornet trio from the High School. Harry Wolfe, a Past Master, was Toastmaster for the evening. Rev. Howard Busching presented the tributes to the two honored guests.

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