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BUY U.S. WAR STAMPS

Around The Block

SOME WOMAN . . . in the Farmington area is undoubtedly wondering what happened to her birth certificate. The answer is simple, she forgot it, while shopping in Cook's Department Store. The name is Gladia M. Wescott, certificate number 5478, and she may have it back by calling at the City Hall, where the certificate is now in the safe keeping of Clerk Harry Moore.

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CHRISTMAS TREES . . . are mighty expensive this year, we understand, but nevertheless there are several around the Farmington State Bank. The only decoration to date is a bit of wrapping twine that someone saw fit to drape about one along Farmington Road. Can't say that it adds much to the beauty of the tree.

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WE UNDERSTAND . . . two members of the committee assisting the hostess at the last meeting of the Farmington Garden Club were inadvertently omitted. Our apologies, and we hasten to add the names of Mrs. C. H. Woodgrift and Mrs. Della Thornton.

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OUR ADVERTISERS . . . this week are doing their best to cooperate with the "Stamp Christmas" idea, so that every gift will be accompanied by an additional gift of a Defense Stamp. You will note the reminder in the ads this week. Attractive little cards with a slot for inserting a Defense Stamp are now available. Ask for them when you make purchases at Farmington stores this week. They may also be obtained from Vic Blakeslee, who is chairman of the retail merchants' Defense Stamp and Bond committee.

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WE FEEL . . . special mention is due Mrs. Edward W. Moseman who recently received her cap as Nurses' Aide. She is now trained to assist staff doctors and nurses in county hospitals, and is giving her time to this important work.

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A NOTE OF BEAUTY . . . and that may be taken any way you see fit, has been added to the south side of Grand River Avenue this week, with the Twins' Beauty Shop moving into the building formerly occupied by Mac's 5c to $5 Store. The new shop has a most attractive appearance, and Farmington wishes the Twins continued success.

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REGISTRATION . . . for 18 and 19 year old boys continues at the Farmington City Hall. Don't wait until the last day or two to register, fellows—the registrants would appreciate it if you didn't. Goodness only knows they have more than enough to do already.

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A STOCKING RECORD . . . has been achieved for Farmington, too. We notice Detroit papers gave space to a woman who turned in a bushel of old stockings, to the salvage drive. Farmington can do just as well, for over at Cook's store, they received a whole bushel of old stockings, too. Remember, ladies, the silk and nylon in worn-out hose is valuable—save it until you have enough to turn in. High school girls plan to make a collection, and they'll be asking for yours.

COMMUNITY PARTY ACCLAIMED A BIG SUCCESS

The Exchange Club, Kiwanis, American Legion, Auxiliary and Parent-Teacher Association held their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15. Almost a hundred persons enjoyed an evening of games, lead by Mrs. Marian Luce, dancing and refreshments.

Many thanks go to Ruth Bacon for the piano music throughout the evening; to Ed Hohler for the popcorn that only the Civic Theatre can put out and to Glenna McIntyre, who pops it.

Gospel Assembly To Have Program

The Farmington Gospel Assembly welcomes everyone to their Christmas program on Monday evening, December 21, at eight o'clock.

The program will be held at the church, 23608 Warner Avenue, and the young people of the church will give a play, "Peace on Earth," and there will be candy for all the children.

Rev. Orville J. Windell is pastor of the Gospel Assembly.

Pay Township Water Bills At The Bank

Board Will Pay Ten Cents Per Bill

Residents of Farmington Township will continue to pay their water bills at the Farmington State Bank, following discussion of this topic at the Township Board meeting held Tuesday evening.

There has been considerable debate about this matter, inasmuch as the Bank felt they could not continue to collect the water bills free of charge, as they have been doing. Many times there have been questions arising concerning the bills that people at the Bank were unable to answer, and it has been rather difficult for them to straighten matters out for the customer.

However, after talking the matter over, an agreement was reached whereby the Board will pay the Bank 10 cents per bill, for each collection that they make.

Other matters coming before the Board were purely routine business, such as payment of bills and other usual business.

Clarence J. Boldt, realtor, accompanied by his son, a Detroit attorney, consulted with the Board early in the evening, in regards to subdividing some land in the township which is now held as acreage only. There are two other owners of the land in question and Mr. Boldt will make an agreement with them before proceeding any further.

RECORDS SHOW SHARP DECLINE IN TRAFFIC

With the advent of gasoline rationing on December 1, state trunkline traffic dropped 32.7 per cent in one day according to a state highway department report compiled this week.

State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy said that the results were averaged from 27 automatic traffic counting stations throughout the state and the metropolitan Detroit area on December 1 and 2.

The sharpest decline was noted on US-27 near Cheboygan where traffic on Tuesday, December 2, was 66.6 per cent below that on Monday. In the Thumb on M-53 north of Marlette a decrease of 63 per cent was recorded. Between Lansing and Detroit near Fowlerville traffic slumped 50.7 per cent on US-16. East of Marshall on US-12 a 39.2 per cent drop was recorded and traffic on US-10 northwest of Pontiac fell off 49.9 per cent.

From county road stations southeast of Lansing and near Ithaca an average drop of 50.5 per cent was noted.

Three representative stations in the metropolitan Detroit area showed an average decrease of 21.5 per cent the first day.

"Essential war work was responsible for fewer cars being laid up in that area," said Commissioner Kennedy.

Traffic throughout the state on December 1, averaged 43.8 per cent lower than the corresponding day last year.

Reports from St. Ignace reveal that the state operated ferries at the "Straits of Mackinac carried less than 200 vehicles on December 1, as compared to 506 on December 1, 1941. Traffic carried across the Straits dropped from 36,662 vehicles in November 1941 to 29,065 during the past month.

CAP Squadrons Make Traffic Surveys

Triangle Airport was the scene of much activity last Sunday when the Civil Air Patrol took over for the purpose of functional operation. Squadron 634-4 now using Triangle Airport as their base, were joined by Squadron 634-1, based at Detroit City Airport, a flight of 12 planes for the purpose of a cross country mission in observation of traffic on U.S. Highways 12, 16, 23 and 112.

Lt. A. G. Galletly of Squadron 634-1 and Lt. J. R. Shutts of Squadron 634-4 reported that a decided reduction of highway traffic was noted.

Mrs. E. O. Hatton is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia at her home on Shiawassee Avenue.

TWO FARMINGTON STUDENTS LISTED IN "WHO'S WHO"

"Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will contain the names of two Farmington young people in its next publication. The edition, consulted by personnel managers of America's largest companies and others who annually recruit outstanding graduates, is the only national means of recognition for honor students devoid of initiation fees and dues.

Dorothy A. Johnson of 24456 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, has been selected as one of the seniors to represent the University of Michigan in the directory. Bill Pink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pink of Route 1, Farmington, who will receive his A.B. degree from Alma College in June, 1943, is a representative of his college.

Blood Donors Are Needed

The Mobile Unit of the American Red Cross Bank will visit the Wilcox School, Middlebelt near Six Mile Road on Monday, December 21, from two o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the evening.

Give a pint of your blood to save the life of a soldier or sailor. If there is anyone in Farmington who did not give at the visit of the unit here on November 21, this is an excellent opportunity to give a pint of blood now. What better Christmas gift could you give our men in the armed forces?

This blood, given without injury to you, can be converted into dry blood plasma, which makes emergency transfusions possible.

The lives of our fighting men, suffering from shock resulting from injuries, burns and hemorrhage, are often saved by such a transfusion. Can we afford to deny them this salvation? The demand grows greater day by day, and there is an urgent call for new donors. Come and do your bit for these men who are doing so much for you.

If you are unable to furnish your own transportation, call Livonia 2012 on Monday morning to arrange for the Motor Corps to call for you.

METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOL PLANS PROGRAM

All members and friends of the Methodist Church School are cordially invited to attend the Christmas party and program on Wednesday evening, December 23, at eight o'clock in the church auditorium.

The first twenty minutes of the program will consist of entertainment furnished by the primary department, and forty minutes will be given over to "The Christmas Broadcast" which is a dramatization of the Christmas story. All children in the church school will participate. There will be a Christmas tree, with Santa Claus on hand and he'll have gifts for everyone.

All the children of the community are cordially invited to take part, whether they regularly attend the church school or not. Each child will bring a ten cent gift, wrapped, to be put under the tree.

Mrs. Viola Smith is in charge of the program.

Jack Samuelson Is Initiated

Jack Samuelson, Farmington freshman in Michigan State College, has been initiated into Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, according to Art Mitchell, president. Samuelson is a student in the Applied Science division of the college.

Alpha Phi Omega includes in its membership students who have had Boy Scout activity. Each year it sponsors the Homecoming dance in the fall, the interfraternity sing, held each spring, and the year round "keep off the grass" campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Newman entertained twenty-five guests at a family dinner Sunday evening honoring Lucy Newman, who has joined the Waves and Walter Durham, who will leave Thursday for Fort Custer.

Goodfellow Sale Nets Large Sum

Farmington Goodfellows were well repaid for their efforts last Friday, with over $500.00 turned in from the annual paper sale.

The men all turned out, with their usual enthusiasm, but the high selling honors went to a newcomer, who was selling papers for the first time. Paul Schaupeter sold papers to the figure of $53.25, which is really selling papers, in any man's language.

Though the need for Christmas baskets, which has been one of the foremost objectives of the Goodfellows, is slight this year, the money all goes into the Goodfellow Fund. None of us have the slightest doubt but what it will be put to good use at the completion of the War, if not sooner. It is essential to build now for the work that will be necessary then.

One of the most important events to Farmington children next week, outside of Christmas itself, is the Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the Civic Theatre. E. J. Hohler, manager of the Civic Theatre, has arranged to have a program that will delight Farmington's younger residents, and in addition there will be a treat for everyone. The price of admission for any child, or for adults who may accompany children to the party, is just a can of food, or a package of some nonperishable food. Don't forget, it's Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, at the Civic Theatre.

SALLIE NELSON MARRIED AT CHURCH CEREMONY

Baskets of white chrysanthemums, palms and lighted ivory tapers in tall candelabra formed the setting in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church on Saturday evening, when the Rev. Howard C. Busching, pastor, read the service uniting in marriage Sallie C. Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Nelson of Warner Avenue, to Ward Eldon Christie of Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Christie of Villiska, Iowa.

The bride was lovely in a gown of ivory chiffon velvet with a gathered torso waist and full skirt. Her veil of white illusion cascaded from a cap fastened with tiny china orange blossoms. She carried a colonial shower bouquet of bouvardia, white carnations and white baby mums.

Elsena Kirk, her sister's only attendant, wore a gown of peach chiffon velvet, fashioned on similar lines. She wore a Juliet cap set with silver sequins and carried a colonial shower bouquet of pink roses, white carnations and baby mums.

Harold Weber of Detroit was best man.

Mrs. Evelyn Veitch, soloist, sang "Because."

Following the service sixty friends and relatives were received at the bride's home. There were guests from Detroit, Jackson, Ann Arbor and White Pigeon.

The bride attended Farmington High School and the Detroit Business Institute. Mr. Christie attended Villiska High School and is a graduate of Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa. He is a mechanical engineer, employed in government defense work.

The newlyweds left on a short wedding trip, and will be at home to their friends in Detroit, after January 1.

SUNDAY SERVICES EMPHASIZE CHRISTMAS THEME

Sunday services at the Baptist Church will emphasize the Christmas theme throughout the day. At the 10:30 a.m. worship service the pastor, the Rev. Fred B. Fisher, will speak on the subject, "The Church's 'Front' at Christmas." The sermon will deal with the Christmas message in a world that is at war on fifteen fronts. The young people of the church invite the community to join them in the singing of carols at 6:30 p.m., and to hear the pastor's presentation of Henry Van Dyke's Christmas story, "The Mansion." The choir will present special Christmas music at the evening service, and the pastor will speak on the theme, "The Hymn of Mary" from Luke's Gospel.

On Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock members of the Bible School will present a Christmas program. Of special interest will be a Christmas flannelgraph demonstration by the Beginners, and a short pageant by the Juniors. Christmas candy will be distributed to all who attend. The public is cordially invited to all the meetings of the church.

Surgical Dressing Unit Closed For Holidays

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing work room will be closed for the Christmas holidays, and will open Tuesday, January 5, 1943.

Two students, Joyce Hart and Helen Margaret Sanker from Farmington, are taking part in the traditional pre-holiday activities at Marygrove College, Detroit.

RED CROSS UNIT ESTABLISHES ENVIABLE RECORD

The Oakland Village Red Cross Unit 85, organized a year ago, has established a record they may well be proud of. They have completed 106 embarkation kits, valued at $1.00 each, and will fill 100 more.

Last Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer on Ten Mile Road, they held a card party, having previously sold tickets on a quilt, which netted $75.00. There were 59 guests and 20 members in attendance at the party.

This group meets every Tuesday for an all day meeting, last week's meeting having been held at the home of Mrs. Alfred La Prese. Mrs. Henry Wright is president of this group and Mrs. Harold Smith is secretary-treasurer.

Kiwanians Score Again

It was a bang-up good evening Wednesday night when Farmington Kiwanians, Exchangeites and High School football players and their coaches, gathered at the Farmington Methodist Church.

The evening began with a delicious dinner, with the 38 football players, coaches and Principal E. V. Ayres being guests of the two service clubs. Clarence Bell was also an invited guest, and judging from the ovation he received from the boys, a most welcome guest.

Ed Pierce was in charge of the evening's program and secured Wally Weber of the University of Michigan. Besides the fine talk he gave, Weber showed pictures of the University of Michigan-Notre Dame game, which was a thrill for the boys.

Announcement was made of the selection of Don Kosmensky as captain of the 1943 football squad of Farmington High School.

About eighty men and boys were at the meeting, and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Next week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club will be the Christmas party, and will be held at the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club as an evening party, rather than the usual dinner meeting. The ladies are also invited to the party.

WENDELL BROWN APPOINTED TO BAR COMMITTEE

Wendell Brown, Detroit attorney, has been appointed to the Membership Committee of the American Bar Association for the State of Michigan, by George Maurice Morris, President of the American Bar Association.

Brown has accepted the appointment. Brown is a director and treasurer of the Detroit Bar Association, and is active in committee work with the State Bar of Michigan. He is a former Assistant Prosecutor of Wayne County, was formerly an Assistant Attorney General of Michigan and was Legal Advisor to Judge Homer Ferguson during his One Man Grand Jury graft investigations.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are residents of Farmington Township.

Holding Rehearsals

Members of the Evangelical Church have started rehearsals for their annual Christmas Play which is given every Christmas Eve. The pageant this year will be "O Holy Night."

Civic Theatre Bond Sales Reach $16,000 In One Week

Everyone Cooperates In Week Of Selling

All of Farmington is happy this week, over the wonderful results of the sale of United States Bonds and Defense Stamps at the Civic Theatre last week.

Sales for one week, beginning Sunday, December 6, and ending Sunday, December 13, were over $16,000. The week was known as "Avenge December 7—On To Victory Week," and the amount of bonds sold certainly indicates that Farmington is out to "avenge December 7."

The success of the drive may be attributed to a number of things. First of all is the wonderful cooperation of everyone. The Red Cross ladies and other volunteer workers were on hand every evening of the week, to sell the Bonds and Stamps through the audience, and they did a fine job. Speakers and the High School Band did much to arouse the crowd to buying. Men and women of the community spoke on different evenings, presenting their reasons for buying every Bond possible.

And not a little bit of credit is due Manager E. J. Hohler, who is probably the best one-man Bond seller this community has ever seen.

Special mention also goes to Howard Middlewood of Briggs Aircraft, who sold over $3,000 worth of Bonds in his own department during the week. These Bonds, purchased over the usual payroll deduction, were bought by fellow workers of Mr. Middlewood, and he in turn handled the transaction for them, delivering the Bonds.

And last, but not least, people of Farmington themselves, are responsible for the large amount of Bonds sold. Without their support, it would have been impossible to do anything.

This is certainly a wonderful Christmas present to our boys in the armed forces, and we doubt if there is anything that would have pleased them more.

Obituaries

Infant Son

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fulghum of Redford died on December 11. Prayer services were conducted by Rev. Howard Busching at the Heeney Funeral Home on Monday morning, with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. The infant was one of twin boys.

Mrs. Fulghum is the former Edna Coyne, and is a sister of Mrs. Harley Schroeder of Farmington.

Burton W. Sherman

Burton W. Sherman died suddenly at his home, 5045 Porath, Dearborn.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys, and four children, Magdalene, Ann, Burton Jr. and Jane. He is the son of Mrs. Walter Sherman and the brother of Howard Sherman.

Services were held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the Heeney Funeral Home, with Rev. Busching officiating. Burial was at North Farmington Cemetery.

YVONNE BROOKS IS BRIDE OF MERLE CAMPBELL

Yvonne Brooks of Detroit became the bride of Sergeant Merle Campbell, U.S. Army, at an eight o'clock formal wedding on Wednesday evening, December 9, in the home of the groom's brother, Virgil Campbell of 21377 Oxford Street. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Fred B. Fisher, pastor of the Farmington Baptist Church, in a simple setting of flowers, and wedding bells.

"I Love You Truly" was sung by Miss Norma Gilmore of Farmington. With background music of Lohengrin's Wedding March the processional was led by bridesmaids Helen McFarland, who was gowned in aqua bemberg crepe, and Edith Waack, dressed in velvet and taffeta, both of whom carried bronze and white chrysanthemums.

The bride was attended by her sister, Madeleine, as maid of honor, who wore a gown of rose mousseline de soie, and carried pink and white carnations.

The bride was gowned in a Princess style white satin dress, with train and finger-tip blush veil held in place by a tiara of seed pearls. Her bridal bouquet was white chrysanthemums. She was given away by her father, William T. Brooks, of Nine Mile Road and Middlebelt.

An informal reception for fifty relatives and guests was held in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell of 21375 Oxford Street.

MARY BARTON DIES AT WAKEMAN HOME

Mary Barton, a former resident of North Farmington, died last Saturday at ten o'clock at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Thelma Wakeman.

Mrs. Barton's early life was spent in West Bloomfield Township, and she attended school in what was then known as the Green School on Fourteen Mile Road. About 15 years ago the Bartons moved from their Maple Road home to Hartland, where they have since lived.

Funeral services were held from the Wakeman home, and burial was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, George Barton, two granddaughters and six great grandchildren

Norton Boys Receive Honors

James Norton and Joseph W. Norton, both sons of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Norton of Farmington, are gaining recognition at Michigan State College, where both are students.

Joseph Norton, or "Bud" as most people here know him, is a Senior at State this year, and will hold the rank of cadet major in the advanced R.O.T.C. this year, according to a recent announcement from Capt. George H. Branch, military adjutant.

Norton is a senior in the field artillery division of R.O.T.C. training this year. Upon graduation in June or call to active duty before that time, he will receive orders of appointment for further training in the officers' candidate schools of the U.S. Army. Upon successful completion of the officer's school, Norton will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army.

Jim, a sophomore, was recently elected to the executive committee of Green Helmet, sophomore men's honorary. Norton is a student in the Applied Science division of the college. Green Helmet, founded in 1935, each year assists in the production of the Spartan Variety Show and is one of the sponsors of the annual Vocational Guidance conference. The organization is composed of sophomore men selected on a basis of character, extracurricular activity, and who possess a scholarship average of at least 2.2.

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