



OUR WHITE CHRISTMAS... at the present writing, looks more like a sloppy, gray one.

HEY, KIDS... the Farmington High School gym is open Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and during vacation, too.

TRULY INSPIRATIONAL... is the music coming from the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

CHRISTMAS TIME... always brings old friends closer, doesn't it? One never knows what the mail is going to bring forth.

AUTOMOBILES... were deserted this week in favor of a horse and cutter. We noticed Mrs. John Spicer in town with her cutter, and somebody else had theirs out, too.

TO OUR ATTENTION... this week came the definition of a sissy—a gasoline rationer who joins the Commandos.

ONE FARMINGTON WOMAN... had the unusual experience this week of picking up a roll of material amounting to \$500 right by the sidewalk, in plain sight.

A FEW UNIFORMS... are seen about town these days, on men in service who were lucky enough to get home for Christmas.

LITTLE DID WE BELIEVE... a few short weeks ago that a quarter of a pound of butter would ever be so sought after as it is today.

DR. SIDNEY D. EVA WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY MORNING

Dr. Sidney D. Eva will be guest preacher at the Farmington Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Dr. Eva, who was formerly minister of the Methodist Church here, is always welcomed in Farmington, and his many friends will want to hear him Sunday morning.

Fertil Chemistry Leads to Degree... North Dakota Agricultural college, though its school of chemical technology, is credited in recent news dispatches with being the only educational institution in the United States where a degree in protective coatings is obtainable upon graduation.

Honesty and Virtue... The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in the felicity of fighting on good education.—Futarch.

Football Squad Faces Heavy Loss

Nine Team Members Will Graduate

The football squad of Farmington High School wishes to express their thanks to the Kiwanis Club and Exchange Club for the enjoyable dinner and entertainment given for them last Wednesday evening.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Wally Weber, freshman coach at the University of Michigan. After his fine speech, the team, Don Kosmenschky, has a big job on his hands, and the graduating players wish him and the team the best of luck in the 1943 grid campaign.

The 1942 lineup was Right End, Nickles, Sam Erwin; Sophomore and Don Kosmenschky, Junior; Right Guard, Jack Owens, Senior; Center and co-captain, Dave Sullivan, Senior; Left Guard, R. J. Antero, Senior and Ashkenbrenner; Halfback, Leo Hupert; Left Tackle, Fred Hamlin, Sophomore; Left End, Dick Miller, Senior; Quarterback, Jim Maloney, Senior; Left Halfback, Fred Martindale, Senior; Right Halfback, Dick Paulsen, Senior; Fullback, Leo Hupert, Junior, and Bill Fournier, Senior. Bill Fournier, last year's varsity end and this year's co-captain, was out most of the year, but returned later in the season to play in the game against the Leo Hupert, who later broke his wrist in practice.

Many players not mentioned above had a special day in doing with the success of the team, and playing in many games. They were Joe Myrland, Doug Bell, Reuben Bacon, Dick King, Milton Knight, Bill Kari, Skip Mason, Cliff Stralug, Dope Mackie and Dick Stralug.

MERCHANT MARINE CONTINUES RECRUITING

Lieutenant Gerard W. Cross, Regional Director for the United States Maritime Service recruiting offices in the states of Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky, announced today that under a special ruling, recruiting for cadets in the Merchant Marine Cadet Corps will continue without confining with War-Manning Commission regulations, and that a special drive to enlist 500 future officers from the tri-state area is under way.

Candidates for officer training must be unmarried United States Citizens, between 18 and 23. However, average weights may be given to applicants who submit evidence of having completed studies in an accredited college or university. An allowance of one year's age may be granted for each academic year completed. A maximum of four years' credit may be allowed.

Entering as Midshipmen in the Merchant Marine Reserve and the United States Naval Reserve the new recruits will, for sixteen months, six of which are practical aboard a merchant ship for practical experience.

Cadets may select the department they feel best qualified to train for, either the Deck or the Engine Department, and are paid \$65 per month, the same rate as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, while training.

Descriptive pamphlets and applications can be secured by applying at the United States Maritime Service Office, Hammond Building, Detroit.

Swedish Russian Prisoners... A Swedish newspaper reports that Russian prisoners of war, forced to build Nazi coastal defenses in Belgium, are being supplied with foodstuffs and clothing by the Belgians.

Children Enjoy Christmas Party

The effects of gasoline rationing are carrying far, even to the annual Kiddies Christmas Party, which the Goodfellows put on at the Civic Theatre.

About 200 children were in attendance at the party Tuesday afternoon, rather than the overflowing crowd that has attended in previous years. However, those that were there certainly enjoyed themselves.

The children, who paid a price of admission just a can of some food, or other non-perishable package food, brought enough to fill the baskets that will be sent out to the children.

There was a program of features and cartoons that delighted the youthful audience, and each received a box of candy as they left the movie.

A vote of thanks goes to Manager E. J. Hobbler of the Theatre, and to the Goodfellows and their chairman, Joe John J. Schultz, for the nice afternoon they gave the children of Farmington.

VICTORY CENTER IS OPENED IN BATTLE CREEK

Recently a new, completely equipped service and recreation center was opened at Battle Creek for soldiers stationed at Fort Custer. It will be known as the Victory Center and will offer men in uniform a diversity of leisure time activities and refreshments, as well as a program of inspirational and spiritual ministrations.

Victory Center has received enthusiastic endorsement from Col. George T. Shank and his staff, as well as from chaplains stationed at Fort Custer.

Victory Center is located two blocks from Fort Custer, near Veterans' Hospital, and will be prepared to serve men in uniform with good coffee and a goodly assortment of cookies, doughnuts, sandwiches and fruit. Visitors will find a wide selection of periodicals and books in the reading room and lounge. While Victory Center welcomes every service man regardless of faith, the sponsors hope that true Christian soldiers will find at the center a real Christian fellowship.

The director of activities, Rev. Mervin Rossell, will see to it that the program will be music, drama, and song-fests and community singing when the group is in the mood. It is reported he plays a saxophone enthusiastically and informally and from time to time will have capable assistance from visiting musicians.

The writing room will be stocked with an abundant supply of stationery and supplies. Rev. Carl Thomas and Rev. John Miles and Chaplains from Fort Custer will be available at Victory Center for spiritual and personal counsel according to arrangements now being made.

Dedication programs will continue each day throughout the week of December 20-26 featuring addresses by Col. Shank and other officers and the directors of Christian Service Centers, Inc.

No charge is made for any service. Victory Center renders to the boys in uniform, the entire expense being met by generous contributions from business men and friends.

Not So Crazy... Schizophrenia means a split personality. The individual lives in a sort of dream state. He is to possess his kind of sanity and is satisfied with it, even if it is not in line with the life of most other people. Not a matter of brains, but of balance.

JAMES HELIKER REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Private First Class James S. Heliker was killed in action in Africa on November 9, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Heliker of Walled Lake. The word came by telegram from the War Department.

Private Heliker was born on Thursday, May 13, 1916, and attended University Lake School. Before entering the Army, he was employed by his father, a builder and contractor.

He enlisted October 12, 1940, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, before being posted overseas.

Brownies Join Troop Seven... An impressive and pretty candlelight ceremony was held Thursday evening in the High School Auditorium when four girls of Brownie Troop Four, "New up" and were given their pins. They have been welcomed as Girl Scouts of Troop Seven. The four girls were Pat Pugh, Pat Rigney, Ruth Hamlin and Joan Kemp.

The color guard for the evening's ceremonies was Ann Faulkner, Dorothy Hendryx, Kay Beals and June Hunt.

Five girl scouts of Troop Seven, each repeating two laws, of the Ten Girl Scout Laws. They carried lighted candles in each hand, and as they repeated the laws, a candle for each law, was placed in an attractive holder made for this purpose.

Following the investiture ceremony, those attending were delighted with the presentation of "Christmas Midature," a Christmas play. Taking part were Ann Faulkner, Tienna Gores, Marjorie Hunt, Marian Motta, June Hunt, Helen Mott, Thelma Collins, Joyce Boyd, Joan Kemp, Pat Booth, Pat Rigney, Kay Beals and Dorothy Hendryx.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE PLANNED

A special candle light service will be held on Christmas night at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service, which will begin at eight o'clock.

NINETEEN IS AVERAGE AGE TO JOIN THE NAVY

Nineteen is the average age at which Southern Oakland County youths joined the Navy during the period from October 1 to December 15, according to statistics recently compiled by the Navy Recruiting Station in the Royal Oak post office.

During those 76 days, 222 men and youths from this area volunteered for naval service. Of this number, Royal Oak (both city and township) contributed 68 men, with Hazel Park second with 49.

Some superstitions... Some superstitions... farmers store a goose bone in the cellar in the fall. A month or so later it is examined and if it has turned dark it is a sign the prediction is for a short winter.

1943 Months to Year... There are 49 calendars in the United States and Canada operating on a 13-month calendar. There are 13 in New England.

Farmington Wins Over Northville

In a nip and tuck basketball game Friday night, Farmington achieved a slim 31 to 29 victory over Northville. It was any man's ball game up until the final horn blew.

Farmington scored first but in the first quarter ended. Farmington added nine and Northville six in the next frame, and the half ended with F.H.S. ahead 13 to 10.

In the third quarter the score jumped to 24-19, Farmington still in the lead. Farmington had the best win, but relaxed in the fourth quarter and Northville jumped the score to 31 to 29, with one minute to go.

Twenty seven fouls were called on both sides, and arguments were frequent between players and even among the spectators.

Mitchell and Hamlin of F.H.S. took high honors with nine points each. Houghton of Northville was next with eight, followed by Ey of Northville, with six.

Fans this season have been delighted by the spectacular play of Sophomore Fred Hamlin. In three games he has scored 19 points, which is second high for the entire team. He is led by Mitchell with 21.

The lineup was as follows: F. Hamlin, 2 1 5; Fullin, 1 1 3; Mitchell, 1 1 3; Hamlin, 1 1 3; Stewart, 1 0 2; Fournier, 1 1 3; Walbank, 1 0 1; Maloney, 0 1 1.

LESLIE B. BOTKIN DIES SUDDENLY AT DETROIT HOME

Leslie B. Botkin, former operator of Botkin's Farm House, west of Farmington, died very suddenly Tuesday December 22, from a heart attack, at his home in Detroit. The family had been living there for the past eight months.

Ladies Auxiliary Will Meet Monday

A regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held Monday evening, December 28, at the Legion Home, beginning at eight o'clock. All members are asked to plan to attend.

Mr. Santy Capita, 3738 1/2 Twelve Mile Road, is in Mt. Carmel Hospital, where he has undergone an operation. He is doing as well as can be expected.

School Bus Transportation Affected By New Orders

Joyce Hart Named Congress Delegate

Joyce Hart, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Smith Hart of Vista Villa Farms, Farmington, a Junior at Marygrove College, will attend the Catholic College Congress in Cincinnati December 27 through December 30 as a representative of the Detroit regional unit of the National Federation of Catholic College students. The Detroit college is made up of representatives of Marygrove and the University of Detroit, both in Detroit; Siena Heights at Adrian and Marygrove at Toledo, Ohio. They will discuss their own triple fitness program embracing spiritual, mental and physical divisions, each of these in turn including several divisions.

Mr. Danckel stated Wednesday that a special effort will be made to transport the younger children. School buses represent over fifty per cent of the nation's passenger buses. Their conservation and proper use during this emergency are of major importance and consistency in their use must be secured only in the most urgent cases.

BARBARA RYALL LEAVES FOR FIELD SERVICE

Auxiliary Barbara Ryall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ryall of Farmington, was a member of the first company to leave the Staging Area at the First Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Training Center for service in the field.

All members of the company completed four weeks' basic training, some having received additional training for specialized duties. The WAACs left this week on a troop train for a camp in the southern part of the United States. They will take over non-combatant jobs, releasing men for active duty. At the staging or "processing" area from which they departed, they lived independent of the rest of the Corps, managing their own equipment and preparing themselves for service in the field.

Before being shipped out they receive intensive training and financial instructions in their duties and military procedure, and are completely organized to operate precisely as they will after reaching Army posts.

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