



CONGRATULATIONS...
To Joe Himmelsbach of Farmington, who has just celebrated his 23rd year in business in Farmington in January. The Farmington Dairy is definitely an asset to Farmington's "main street," and we hope Mr. Himmelsbach will enjoy many more years of business, with continued success.

HOLIDAYS...
and short working weeks seem good, we all agree, but it sure is tuck on the news service. Seems like we have to scratch slightly hard to dig up any news that is pleasant. We'll soon all be back on our regular schedule though, and as usual, we will welcome it.

IT DOES ONE GOOD...
just to visit for a few minutes with one of Farmington's service men when they do get home for a few days. One of our local boys stopped in Tuesday morning, and though we talked to him only a few minutes, it kind of brightened up the whole day.

SORRY, KIDS...
but if we had our way, it wouldn't be like this, either. We are referring to the lack of snow or ice so the youngsters can try out those new skis, sleds and skates they got for Christmas. Let's hope another week may be a little better, but then school will be starting and there will be less time for play. It's a vicious circle, isn't it?

GREYHOUNDS...
and we mean buses, not dogs, seemed to be O.T. (on the loose) this week end, with as many as four sections to the run. People would travel regardless of inconvenience, had roads or anything else.

'T WAS A CRUEL WORLD...
it was at least the folks who eat their lunch in town, thought so last Saturday, with two of the restaurants not serving any meals. I guess maybe they earned a holiday, though. But it was a disappointment, meant many a hungry kid, and it meant to venture that far from their places of business. A pair of skates would have been in good order.

COME JANUARY 1...
the business man is going to have his hands full for a few days, what with that date bringing another business year to an end, and income to figure, and new Victory tax deductions to be considered, and so on and on, far into the night. Oh, we say full for a few days? Perhaps we meant a few months.

MYRTLE BOILLAT ENGAGED TO CORPORAL MANZEL

A Christmas diamond made known the engagement of Miss Myrtle May Boillat of West Nile Road, Farmington, and Corporal Clarence (Andy) Harold Manz of Columbia, South Carolina.

Miss Boillat is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amel Boillat and Mr. Amel is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Manz of Farmington, and student of Mrs. Louise Manz.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Corporal Manz left early Saturday morning for Columbia, South Carolina, after a seven day furlough here. He has been in the Army Air Corps for the past nine months.

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE FLOOD IN FLORAL PARK

With all the newspapers carrying stories of floods caused by the unusually heavy rains of the past week, Farmington can have its story of a local flood.

Down in the Floral Park subdivision, inadequate drainage failed to take care of the excess rainfall, and five homes in the area had basements full of water, and accordingly, no heat. The basements were so badly flooded that it was impossible to maintain any heat, which was the worst feature of the whole thing, for there was, some times among members of families in the flooded area.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooke, Mary Ann and George Cooke, and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Cooke were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gerhardt, formerly of Farmington.

Telephone Company Ends Year

Many Accomplishments Aid Progress Of War

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company met the 1942 challenges of another world war and the telephone itself proved a major weapon in the nations march toward victory.

It was a precedent-shattering year of tremendous demands for telephone service imposed by Michigan's wartime economy, in the face of restrictions necessary for the prosecution of the war. For the first time in history, the general public was asked to curtail its use of the telephone in order to expedite the movement of war calls.

War calls get through—promptly—and the Michigan Bell organization was cited by Maj. Gen. Dawson Olmstead, chief signal officer for the U. S. Army Signal Corps, for "rising to the new and greater needs of the nation with spirit over and above your line of duty."

Total calls handled by the company totaled nearly 1,800,000,000 during the year. The company handled 25,140,000 long distance messages, the latter showing a gain of 3,500,000 over the previous year.

Despite restrictions on new installations, the total company telephones in service passed the million mark for the first time and the gain of 100,000 was the second highest on record, surpassed only by the record-breaking increase in 1941.

In 1941, the rising tide of war brought service demands that ate into plant margins as much as alarming rate. The \$23,600,000 expansion program, the pinch of material shortages, lightened in 1942, but with war service needs increasing, the company was called upon to construct \$20,000,000 for construction.

With the manufacture of hand-set telephones virtually stopped by the war, the company fortunately could turn to a reserve of upright instruments, held for just such an emergency.

10,000 of these were returned to use to provide service for those who otherwise would have gone without it.

The Bell System in Michigan contributed more than 100 tons of metal a month to the nation's scrap pile, through the recycling of old equipment in addition to 150 tons of other critical material monthly. Nearly 32,500 pounds of paper were saved in the printing of Detroit's new telephone directory.

The telephone went on guard against enemy planes on the home front, the company cooperating with nearly 200 communities in setting up air raid control centers.

Communications problems arising from war time production plans were discussed with 2,000 industrial plants, institutions, and governmental agencies. The company supplemented its service to the military personnel at war posts with operator-attended public telephones and other convenient facilities.

In a year when our shipmen on the Great Lakes broke all records, the company inaugurated ship-to-shore telephone service over the waterways connecting Upper Lake Erie and Lower Lake Huron.

Nearly 1,500 employees joined the colors during the year and two gold stars appeared on the Michigan Bell service flag. Special training was given by the company to scores of Signal Corps recruits at the request of the Army.

The Treasury's Minute Man flag was awarded employees, more than 90 per cent of whom were buying bonds at the rate of \$2,235,000 a year.

Ladies Gym Class Reopens Monday

The Ladies Gym Class will meet on Monday evening, January 4 at 7:30 in the School Gym. All are welcome to join in this exercise run. The only requirement is that you wear rubber soled shoes.

Those wishing to take a shower after class, bring your own towel and soap.

IT'S A REUNION IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND



Above are Gunner Joe Stauch, his wife, and Gunner William Stauch. The picture was taken somewhere in southern England, where the two boys met after overseas, following their enlistment in Canada.

Joe was formerly a Farmington resident, working for his brother.

CLYDE ADAMS MARK FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

A letter was received this week from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams of California. They observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 15.

They state that it was just another day to them, with Mr. Adams taking his long walk, usual, and Mrs. Adams gave her afternoon to the Service Men's Room, as she frequently does.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams have spent their entire life in this community. Mr. Adams was born on Twelve Mile road in East Farmington, and Mrs. Adams was born on Twelve Mile road in North Farmington. They have one son, Harry, who makes his home at Union Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams wish to thank their friends and neighbors who remembered them with such lovely cards and letters at this time. They are spending the winter with Mr. Adams' sister in law, and plan to be back with us in Farmington sometime in April.

Maccabees Announce Pot Luck Luncheon

The Maccabees, Liberty Tent #14 of Farmington, will hold their first pot luck of the year at the home of Mrs. Bertha Spallier on Power avenue, on Wednesday, January 6. All are cordially invited to attend the pot luck, which begins at 12:30, noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooke were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooke and family.

YOU MAY "STORE" DEFENSE BONDS AT THE BANK

The Farmington State Bank announced this week, another new service for the convenience of their patrons.

Complying with the requests of many customers, they have established a department for the safe keeping of United States Defense Bonds. There are lots of us who will welcome that service, for unless one has a safety deposit box, or a home safe, it has been a problem as to where it would be best to put our bonds for safe keeping.

For the small sum of 25 cents the bank will accept your bond of any denomination, and keep it safe for you; as long as you wish. There is no other charge for this service, even if the bond is left for the full ten years, to maturity. A receipt will be given you at the time the bond is left for safe keeping, and you may call for it any time you desire.

FARMINGTON BOY AWARDED LETTER FROM WAYNE U.

Samuel J. Prisk of Farmington was one of the Wayne University 1942 football squad who was awarded a letter, according to an announcement last week by David L. Holmes, athletic director.

Twenty two major and six minor football letters were given out. All but six of the awards went to Detroiters.

Prisk was student manager for the team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prisk.

Write A Letter Once Each Week

We've all heard how much a soldier appreciates a letter from home, and undoubtedly we've all seen pictures in papers and magazines, depicting either the joy at receiving a letter, or the despair at having nothing at mail call. And if you have someone from your family in service, or a close friend, perhaps, they have surely written to them more than anything else and to please keep them coming.

This week the Enterprise received a letter from a Farmington soldier which most clearly demonstrates the point we are trying to drive home. The letter reads as follows:

December 24, 1942
Dear Sirs:
I have been receiving the paper from my home town and sure appreciate it. So this being Christmas Eve, I have sat myself down to write you and thank you all for it.

People never know how it helps our morale to get letters and the pushers from your home town folks. It helps us lots, and you all are the ones we are fighting for. Folks, I have never felt down in the dumps as we get in the Army sometimes, and then we remember we have our home ones and it makes it worth while for all our blue days.

But all in all this man's Army is wonderful and with the spirit these men all have and the push we get from our friends, I don't see how we can help but come out on top.

We will be going across and into this thing real soon, and I hope it won't be long before they know who is boss.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And thanks lots for your hospitality.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Ben H. Starkey.
Which brings us down to the point we want to drive home. We can send the paper to the boys, but we can't write to all of them, and that is where you come in. Won't you endeavor to write at least one letter a week to some service man from Farmington? It isn't asking too much, and it goes a long way in underlining the fact that we are not alone.

We can't publish the addresses of service men, you, but we do have a mailing list, and we would be glad to furnish you with an address if it is one we have, or if we don't have it, perhaps the Blue Star Mothers do, for they, too, are trying to maintain an accurate mailing list of service men from the City and Township.

Why not make it a New Year's resolution, and see that you live up to it?

Jim Barrons is now stationed in Miami, Florida.

City And Township Library Receives State Assistance

We're Sorry, But...

Yes, we really are sorry, but with the rising cost of news print, labor and all the many supplies that we must purchase, we have no alternative but to raise the subscription rate of The Farmington Enterprise, beginning January 1, 1943, to \$2.00 per year. Other newspapers throughout the State and in our own County, have already increased their subscription rate, and others are doing so at once. We have delayed doing so thus far, hoping that it might not be necessary, but it seems there is no other way.

Renewal subscriptions falling due after January 1, and new subscriptions, will be \$2.00 per year. Subscriptions which have fallen due during the past few months, and which have not yet been paid, may be paid at the old rate of \$1.50 per year.

HUNDREDS TO BE PICKED FOR WAR FARMING

Hundreds of topnotch farmers, including individuals in every county in the state where rural war production has been above average, are to be named and honored as a special feature of the 1943 Farmers' Week at Michigan State College Feb. 2, 3, 4.

In Oakland County nominations, with descriptions of noteworthy 1942 productions of foods and feeds, grown in this county are to be received from local war clubs, A.A.A., community committees, and others, and then approved by the county war board before Jan. 9, according to Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

No set standards have been devised for selections. E. J. Anthony, dean of college's agricultural division, suggests that farmers known to have produced 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre, 10 tons of sugar beets to the acre, 190 eggs per hen, 350 pounds of butterfat average in the pound butterfat average in the dairy herd, large yields of muck crops, effective meat and wool production of outstanding work in producing food for the family, and prize their own achievements deserving honor.

Recognition of the farmers will serve as a keynote for stimulating necessary production in 1943. Special invitations will be issued to farmers selected to get them and their families to attend the Farmers' Week program.

Another recognition program in which county war boards will participate involves a nationwide plan to pick a typical wartime farm family in every county in this and other states. Activities of the entire family in food and feed production and community wartime service are to be honored and publicized as a sample of what will be needed in 1943 to attain the volume of production and service necessary to the war effort.

PIERSON SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FOR ADDITION

Word was received last week by school officials of Livonia School District No. Two, that they have been granted \$13,400 by the Federal Works Administration of the government to be used in building a school addition.

This is the first step securing the two room addition for Pierson School. Architects are now drawing up plans for the additional two classrooms which will be provided by the grant.

April 7. Air wardens hold meeting to plan area organization.

April 8. Under salvage chairman Howard Otis 15,000 pounds of paper has been collected.

April 16. Women part employment survey in this area.

April 16. Ten auxiliary policemen to be named by Chief Police DeVriendt.

April 17. Betty Hunt wins district spelling bee.

May 3. Farmington holds first trial blackout.

May 4 to 7. Residents register to receive sugar ration books.

May 11, 12. Stamp and Bond (Continued on Page Five)

Check Represents Half Of Set Allotment

The Farmington City and Township Library received a check this week for \$144.10. Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian, announced, the check is the first half of a grant from the State Aid to Libraries Fund for which the library has qualified this year.

The State Aid Law allows these grants to be used for books, serials, supplies and equipment, or to keep the library open more hours. The money is to be used to extend the services which the library is now able to give. The only expenditures not allowed in the terms of the law are the construction and remodeling of the building, or the payment of bonded indebtedness.

The distribution of this fund is an important part of a long range program outlined by the State Board for Libraries to improve Michigan's public libraries and to provide library service for the people who do not have books available at present.

Michigan has prided itself on being an outstanding state in educational fields, but there are still 314,000 persons in the state who do not have a public library.

The State Board for Libraries is in charge of the distribution of \$250,000 to the libraries of the State Aid for Libraries Law.

Three types of grants are made from this money. One fund of \$132,500 is set aside for grants to libraries, whose local tax support has been steadily maintained. The check received by the Farmington City and Township Library is from this fund. Mrs. Leach reports.

Another portion of the State Aid Fund is reserved for grants to new county and regional libraries giving library service to more than 55,000 residents of Michigan who have had no library in the past.

The third division goes to libraries in areas with low assessed valuations.

The members of the State Board for Libraries are: Mrs. Florence B. Deering of Grand Rapids, chairman; Mrs. Dorothy T. Hagerman of Grand Rapids, vicechairman; Helen Warner of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. George Hunter of St. Johns; and John J. A. of Allegan. Mrs. L. L. De Foy, State Librarian, is secretary of the Board.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL MEET WITH MRS. M. WARNER

The first meeting of 1943 of the Farmington Women's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 6, at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner on Grand River avenue.

The meeting will begin at two o'clock, with the program for the afternoon being "Community Interests". The committee in charge is Mrs. Anna Cook, Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, and Mrs. Adna Wilber.

Botsford Tavern Is Closed

Due to fuel oil and gasoline rationing, Henry Ford has closed Botsford Tavern, for the present, at least.

Miss Ruth Holmes and her staff will move to Grandville, Michigan, where she will be doing experimental feeding with the children of the village.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilbert were Mrs. M. D. Pierce, Miss Mrs. L. Pierce, Mrs. Mrs. Floyd H. Nichols and Mrs. Fred Simmons of Northville.

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