

THIRTEEN DAYS... is all that remains for you to finish up your Christmas shopping...

THE GRADE ROOMS... at Farmington Public Schools look mighty pretty with the gay Christmas decorations...

A LEAN YEAR... for Santa Claus, is no joke, judging from the Santa that appeared in Farmington early this week...

THAT DRIZZLE... of rain all day Wednesday certainly chilled one to the bones. Every one seemed to hunker near the register the minute they came in from out-of-doors.

BARBARA BUTTON MARRIED AT NOVI CHURCH

The wedding of Barbara Marlene Button, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Button of Farmington, and Ray Lee Warren MM 2/c, U.S.N.R., son of Mrs. Ruby Butler of Pontiac, took place in the Novi Baptist Church, Monday night, December 6, in a chaste and light setting of palms and candlestick arrangements.

Mrs. Earl Cook at the solo-vox played "I Love You Truly" and "Oh Promise Me" which accompanied the soloist, Mr. Bob McLean, as he sang "Because" and "The Rosary."

To the strains of Lohengrin the bride and groom were escorted by the groom's best man, Mr. Gordon Blakelee and Miss Evelyn Hill, and given away by her father, Mr. John Dutton. The double ring ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Rev. Rognald J. Dutton of Sturgis, assisted by Rev. Earl Cook.

The bride's dress was of white slipper satin with an overskirt of mauve decorated with satin bows. The sweetheart neckline revealed a string of pearls, the gift of the groom. The finger tip veil was held in place by a pearl beaded tulle. The bridal bouquet was of white gardenias.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Blakelee, and the bridesmaid, Miss Hill, wore dresses of blue and rose marquisette with matching flower tulle, and carried bouquets of pink roses and snapdragons.

A reception for the relatives and close friends was held at the bride's home following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Warren will be "at home" with the bride's parents until the groom leaves for his station on December 22. Mrs. Warren will continue her work at the Farmington State Bank.

OLD FRAMES FOR EYE GLASSES ARE WANTED

A plea is being made on behalf of the St. Joseph Hospital Eye Clinic for old and unused eye glasses. The clinic has come to the aid of children throughout the County when demand was made for eye glasses, but they have now exhausted their supply of frames. Unless assistance is given some needy child will have to go without much needed glasses.

The clinic is under the direction of one of the best eye doctors in the state, and will welcome any outside help at this time. People in the Farmington area who wish to donate frames are asked to send them to Mrs. August Terrault, 30320 Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington or to M. E. LeVelle, R.N., c/o Clinic, St. Joseph Hospital, Pontiac.

Ruth Greenman of Farmington is enrolled as a student at Western Michigan College for the fall semester which opened November 1. She is enrolled as a sophomore in the early elementary curriculum.

High School Releases Honor Roll

Second Marking Period Ends

The Honor Roll of students at Farmington High School who have maintained an average of B or better, was released this week. Students whose names appear on the Honor Roll include the following:

- Seniors: Betty AschenBrenner, Evelyn Brooks, Marian Devroy, Charles Diamond, John Dickerson, Edna Jacqueline Ervin, Jim Eick, Nancy Foxworth, Annalisse Foster, Dorothy Gustafson, Carl Hanson, John Hunt, Shirley Johnson, Edith Kargetta, Dorothy Keith, Donald Kosmowsky, Fred Lopyky, Lilian Larsen, Audrey Lathrup, Zola Libstaff, Sylvia Millip, Patricia O'Rourke, Floyd Quirk, Bill Russell, Suzanne Smith, Mary Jane Smith, Clifford Streling, Kathleen Tassie, Kenneth Way, Marjorie White.

- Juniors: Zae AschenBrenner, Berlice Calkins, Pauline Ely, Ruth E. Eliot, Shirley Overmyer, Ruth Peters, Jean Power, Tom Roseberry, Joyce Samuelson, Erva Silja, Gloria Smith, Maria VandenBerg, Geraldine Whitford, Clyde Yokom, Claire Yukas.

- Sophomores: Margaret Corbit, Naomi Cox, Fern Cuper, William Daines, Virginia Erickson, Alvin Garchow, Eunice Gerchow, Bertha Hanson, Muriel Harris, Robert Herbert, Betty Hunt, Mary Ann Inley, Elizabeth Johnson, Ethel Johnson, Edgar Lind, Theophil Mubling, Robert Newlin, Martin Osmus, Robert Pagenkopf, Janet Robertson, Marjorie Schroeder, Nancy Smith, William Van Hulen, Allen Warner.

- Freshmen: Joan AschenBrenner, Shirley Aulif, Helen Clark, Vera Dietrich, Betty Dulso, Helen Early, Junior Margaret, Marge Fisher, Doris Green, Margaret Gustafson, Dutton, Donald Korman, Doris Lathrup, Joyce Newhall, Robert Redber, Helen Sapient, Margaret Wedin, Patricia Wheeler.

FARMERS' ASSOCIATION PLANS MEETINGS

Ten years of cooperative developments to supply short-term credit to farmers will feature the annual meetings of the Pontiac Production Credit Association, to be held in three sections this year at the following designated places:

December 15, First Methodist Church, Howell, Michigan. December 16, YMCA Building, Pontiac, Michigan. December 17, Barrett Hotel, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting will be called to order by President Albert Luchtman at 7 p.m. Members and their guests should have dinner together at 12 o'clock, noon after which the business meeting will take place.

Noting developments in the association's existence during the 10 year period, Secretary-Treasurer Fred J. Beckman said that the association has gradually acquired a "home-like" status that was largely lacking in the beginning. Directors and the officers have much more latitude in carrying on association affairs, loans are now made on local approval by the local committee without necessity for referring to the Production Credit Corporation in St. Paul, and procedure has been simplified. He stressed that the association is distinctly a local farmers' cooperative, run as are other cooperatives, for the benefit of the members as a local community institution.

Reports from the officers, a summary of loans, growth in financial reserves and volume of business, and election of directors will be business features of the annual meeting. A number of entertainment features have been provided. It is planned to adjourn not later than 3:30 p.m. in order to permit all members and visitors to get home early without exceeding the 35 mile speed limit.

Harry H. Andrews of Washtato, Washington, is in Farmington visiting his father, C. N. Andrews, and sister, Merlah.

SCHOOLS CLOSE DECEMBER 17 FOR CHRISTMAS

Students of Farmington Public Schools will have two full weeks of Christmas vacation with the schools closing on Friday, December 17, to reopen on Monday, January 2.

Some of the High School students, determined to maximize their school, beginning December 13, to go through the rush holiday season in retail stores. These students took ten hours of preparatory training for the work, under the supervision of Franklin Ryan, and those who had a high enough average to warrant dismissal have been excused to work. Only those who took the training and planned ahead to do this work are being given an excuse, however.

Will Select New Officer

Farmington will have an additional police officer beginning the first of January, 1944. It was determined at Wednesday night's meeting of the Farmington City Commission. Several applicants are being considered, and the selection will be made so the new officer will be able to start duty by the first of the year. He will work under the direction of Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt.

Horace Durham, night watchman, will remain on duty nights, and the Commission voted to grant him a \$25.00 per month increase in salary, effective January 1.

SEASON TICKETS FOR BASKETBALL ARE AVAILABLE

Season tickets for all home games of the High School basketball season are available and may now be purchased from any member of the team or from members of the Student Council. Farmington will play its first home game this Friday night, December 17, at 8:00 p.m. They lost a game last week to Kalamazoo in an overtime period. At the close of regular playing time the score was tied at 20 all, but Kegno went ahead in the overtime period to win 26 to 23.

The Student Council is working out a program to be available at games, giving the players, their positions, and pertinent information so the public may more easily follow the game.

School Board Purchases Juke Box

The School Board of Farmington Public Schools has recently purchased a juke box for the use of students at the school during noon hours, and for record dances. The juke box was obtained Tuesday evening and will be available immediately for use during the noon hour and for special dances. Some new records will also be available.

GRADUATES AS PCA HOSTESS



Salvage Drive Is Extended

The Farmington City and Township Salvage Committee is extending its Discarded Clothing Drive to December 11, following a number of telephoned requests asking for the extension. This will permit families to take their old clothing to the community salvage center located at the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company.

Residents of both the City and Township are asked to go through their clothes closet, storage chests and basement and gather together all the discarded clothing possible and give it to the local salvage committee for disposal through the various war agencies. Now that the allies have planned more "fronts" for the future, old clothing will do a tremendous good job for our boys as they re-occupy conquered territory. Helpless men, women and children will be the recipients of the clothing collected which will be handled under military supervision.

Further data concerning salvage may be secured by calling Farmington 382.

MALE QUARTET WILL CONDUCT WORSHIP SERVICE

The Four Uncles Quartet of the Children's Bible Hour will sing and preach at the Clarence Baptist Church on Sunday, December 12, at the Sunday School hour at ten o'clock, and also at the morning service at 11:15 a.m. These men are the leaders of the Children's Bible Hour Broadcast over WGLW from Grand Rapids every Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. Everybody is invited and all are welcome. All members of this quartet are preachers, and "Uncle Bob" will preach at the morning service.

On Monday evening, December 13, the regular monthly meeting of the Sunday School Board will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry South, 20829 Pearl Street.

Tuesday evening, December 14, the Christmas Party for the ladies of the church, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Arthur Hockins, 18170 Middlebell Road.

The Youth Fellowship will hold their Christmas Party on Friday night, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

EXCHANGE CLUB DONATES TO SERVICE FUND

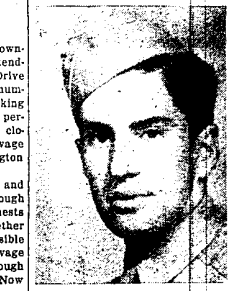
A business meeting was held Wednesday following the luncheon of the Farmington Exchange Club. The members voted to give \$25.00 to the Service Kit Fund of the American Red Cross.

They also discussed participation in the Goodwill-sale of papers, set for Saturday, December 18.

Plans are now nearing completion for the annual Christmas Party for the children of the community. As formerly, the party will be held at the Civic Theatre, the exact date to be announced next week.

Leonard King, Jr. left November 24 for Manhattan Beach, N.Y., where he will train for the Coast Guard.

IN SIGNAL CORPS



William H. Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brennan, 22215 Power Road, Farmington, enlisted in the U.S. Signal Corps in December of 1942.

He was sent to Kentucky to training school, and later to Camp Crowder, Missouri and Camp Murphy, Florida, for boot training. He is now located at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, prior to assignment to an overseas station.

Bill was graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows School, Farmington, and from St. Mary's of Redford High School, the class of 1942. He is the oldest of seven children.

DELEGATES ATTEND WINTER CONFERENCE

Those from Farmington Groves-Walker Post who attended the mid-winter conference of the American Legion and Auxiliary in Bay City on December 4 and 5 included Leon Church, District Commander, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, the District President, James Nourjan, Adjutant, and Mrs. Nourjan, Mrs. J. R. Bacon, Auxiliary President, and Mrs. Myron Carrier, Child Welfare Chairman of Groves-Walker Post.

They heard many interesting speakers and distinguished guests, veterans of World War and World War II. Three WACs were in attendance at the conference and spoke briefly. Some highlights of the meeting stressed the importance of being exceedingly careful of divulging any military information through "loose talk."

The largest delegation ever to attend a mid-winter conference was present at the Bay City gathering.

CADET FERNSTRUM IS AWARDED FOOTBALL LETTER

Cadet Ross Fernstrum, fullback on a team in the "Mighty Might" football league for players weighing under 125 pounds, at the Michigan Military Academy, located at Mexico, Missouri, has received his letter award at the annual football assembly held recently at the school.

Cadet Fernstrum is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ross. He starred at his position throughout the season and was honored by a place on the "Mighty Might" all-star team.

Bond School Club Announces Meeting

A regular meeting of the Bond School Club will be held on Thursday evening, December 16, with the program in charge of Mrs. Rose Mullen. This promises to be a worth-while evening and all friends and parents are invited to attend.

It was incorrectly stated that refreshments would be served, and there would be door prizes. This is not true, as this is a regular club meeting.

Legion Auxiliary Meets This Monday

The American Legion Auxiliary, Groves-Walker Post, will hold their regular meeting on Monday evening, December 13, at the Legion Home, beginning promptly at 8:00 p.m. A social hour will follow the business session.

Mrs. Florence Edgar attended a one-day convention of the Federation of House Clubs of Eastern Michigan held Monday in Detroit.

Gift Boxes for Soldiers May Be Left at the Bakery

DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget the community Christmas Party, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association, to be held Saturday evening, December 11, at the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

All 19 in readiness for the party, and it promises to be a gala time for all those attending. Entertainment will be provided with card games and dancing, and there is a surprise event sure to please everyone. Attractive table and door prizes will be given, and refreshments will be served.

All adults of the community are cordially invited, so come and make this a truly community party.

Bond Quota Increases

War bond and stamp quota for the retail merchants of Farmington is the largest monthly quota yet assigned, outside of those for special War Loan drives, according to Mr. Lapidus, Oakland County chairman for the Michigan Retailers War Savings Committee.

"December is normally the best month of the year for retail stores," said Mr. Lapidus, "which means that during December retailers have exceptional opportunities to sell war bonds and stamps."

"Pearl Harbor Week will be featured by retailers from December 6 to 11. Last year, retailers of Michigan sold about 25 percent more war bonds and stamps than in any other month, and this year a similar record should be made. A special Pearl Harbor Commemorative Sticker will be placed on any war bond bought through a retail merchant during Pearl Harbor Week.

Lloyd Gulien, Farmington retail merchants chairman, advises, "With merchandise scarce in most lines, war bonds and stamps are being featured in the form of Christmas gifts this year, and many people will substitute war bonds and stamps for the things they would ordinarily give. In fact, war bonds and stamps represent other items, because later on, when merchandise is plentiful, the bonds and stamps which are given now will purchase those things which that same money might otherwise have bought."

"Meanwhile, the money has been used to provide some nice Christmas gifts in the form of more bombs and bullets, for Hitler and Hirohito," said Mr. Gulien.

KIWANIANS ARRANGE ANNUAL EVENTS

Kiwanians made all arrangements for the annual football dinner, to be held next Wednesday evening, December 15, at the Methodist Church dining rooms. The hosts of the club will be the football players of Farmington High School and coaches and teachers. Wally Weber of the University of Michigan will speak after the dinner.

Club members and their wives will enjoy a Christmas Party to be held at the Haven River Hunting and Fishing Club.

Mrs. Edgar Named Associate Teacher

Mrs. Florence Edgar has been named as associate teacher of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art. She will represent the Institute in this area.

To Be Distributed By Red Cross Field Workers

An appeal was made this week to various groups and organizations, and to individuals, to assemble Christmas boxes to be sent to servicemen located in hospitals and isolated areas in Michigan. These boxes will be distributed by Red Cross field workers to reach the camps before Christmas, but they must be packed by December 15. Boxes from Farmington may be left at the Ross Bakery any time before the 15th. Mrs. W. W. Slocum is in charge of the gifts received from this vicinity.

Gifts especially wanted include boxes of candy, toilet articles, smoking tobacco, stationery, sewing kits, candied fruit, billfolds and similar items. Another suggestion is a box of homemade cookies. The boys seem to particularly appreciate a bit of real home cooking. The cost of these gift boxes is not to exceed \$2.00 per box.

It is requested that all packages be wrapped in Christmas paper, with the donors' name and address inside. An outside tag should be attached to the box, stating the contents. No size or weight is specified.

It is hoped that many boxes will be obtained from this area. Be sure to have yours at the Ross Bakery no later than December 15, which is next week Wednesday.

DeROY'S OFFERS FINE CHOICE OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas time is here again presenting its customary perplexities to the gift shopper. This year, despite war-time conditions, DeRoy's, 21845 Grand River, Redford, is ready as always to simplify the shoppers problem in respect to gifts of jewelry.

With one of the largest stocks of diamonds in Michigan, DeRoy's famous "Protective Diamonds" suggest the supreme gift for man and woman. Quality gems set in mountings of latest design are offered in abundance at DeRoy's typical low prices.

War-time conditions have limited the selection of watches but DeRoy's promise a generous offering for early shoppers. Famous, nationally advertised makes as well as quality military watches are included and DeRoy's stress the importance of an early visit to insure a choice selection.

To host a other quality gift suggestions include fine silverplate, lockets, crosses, pen and pencil sets, bracelets, rings, guggene and many practical items for the men and women in military service. DeRoy's wish to call special attention to their Costume Jewelry Department which offers a brilliant array of smart new pieces of every description at a wide range of prices. Liberal credit terms are available with gift purchases at no extra cost, enabling shoppers to pay for their gifts in convenient sums next year. DeRoy's will be open every evening until Christmas for the convenience of war workers and there is ample free parking space in the rear of the store.

Dr. Norton Stationed With Coast Guard

Dr. J. W. Norton, who has been an osteopathic physician and surgeon in Farmington for many years, is now at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is stationed with the United States Coast Guard.

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