

Around The Block

The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

KEEP ON Backing the Attack WITH WAR BONDS

OLD SAINT NICK

himself will be around Friday night, and all the kids in town-as well as a good many grownups-are hoping they'll wake up Christmas morning to find he has left an ample supply of gifts for the entire family. Of course there'll



be a United States Defense Bond tucked in every stocking, and we'll just bet Santa will have his pack full of new toys and trinkets, too. You'd better mind your p's and q's, kids, or you'll find a Santa like the one above-no pack at all!

HARK

and you can hear the beautiful Christmas music all over town, provided through the courtesy of the Evangelical Church. Once again records are being played this year, and somehow or another, a feeling of security steals over one, with such beautiful music in the air. A million thanks for this lovely addition to Christmas in Farmington.

THAT GRUNT AND GROAN

you hear comes from our friend, the mailman. The postal employees have had a terrific job this year, and we'd like to go on record as giving them a hearty



slap on the back for their efforts. Please don't try the backslapping idea though, for anything closely approaching a back slap is likely to lay them out cold after the load of work their past weeks have brought.

EVERY YEAR

we make the vow that next year is going to be different. We're going to get everything done early, so there is no last-minute rush, all our cards are going to be addressed about a month ahead of time, etc. And of course, we wind up just as we always have-behind the well known "eight ball." The slightest gift this year should be well appreciated, we think, knowing the difficulty one experiences in shopping for it.

RECENTLY

we read a poem from a WAC in North Africa. Her plea was for Santa to bring her the man she loved. We'll bet there's many a



girl in Farmington who would like to make the same plea. In fact, we even managed to get a picture of one for you. Here 'tis.

DECORATIONS

for the holidays are mighty scarce this year. Colored lights and decorated trees in the business section are missing in Farmington, as they are in all cities that are usually decorated in gay holiday holiday. However, there are some Christmas trees about the Bank, and one notices the usual amount of early lighted trees in Farmington homes. Their lights shine out in the evening, spreading a feeling of holiday friendliness and good cheer.

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Rev. Stone Is New Minister

Busching Family Moves To Washington

The First Methodist Church of Farmington will have a new minister, beginning January 2. Rev. A. Stanley Stone will take over this parish on that date. He comes to Farmington from the Calvary Methodist Church in Flint, and has been secretary of the annual conference.

Rev. Howard C. Busching, present pastor of the church, will leave next week with his family for Vancouver, Washington. There they will take up residence in the housing project established for workers of the Kaiser shipyards.

Vancouver, located on the Columbia River, just across from Portland, Oregon, normally has a population of 20,000 people, but has grown to 60,000 since the beginning of the war. The city has expanded so quickly that churches and schools have been unable to keep up with the demand.

Rev. Busching is being sent by the Washington Methodist Conference to hold interdenominational, interracial services. Since there is no church, the services will be held in the main auditorium at the housing center.

Farmington will greatly miss the Buschings, for they have been very active here during the two and a half years Rev. Busching has occupied the Methodist pulpit. Approximately 150 members have been added to the church membership roll, the annual budget has been doubled, a full time janitorial service has been obtained, paid music direction added, and the church has been redecorated during Rev. Busching's pastorate. The Women's Society, the Christian Service, the Men's Club and the Youth League have all been organized during this time.

Much happiness is wished for the Busching family in their new location.

W.C.T.U. Will Meet With Mrs. Warner

The Farmington Chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 28, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. F. M. Warner, 3205 Grand River Avenue.

Mrs. Ruth Irwin will lead devotions and is in charge of the program, which she announces, is on "Peace."

A Sailor's Christmas Greeting

I'm spending mine a blue Christmas
On an Ocean far away;
The stars that are shining
Start my heart to go a pining
For the home fires on this Day.

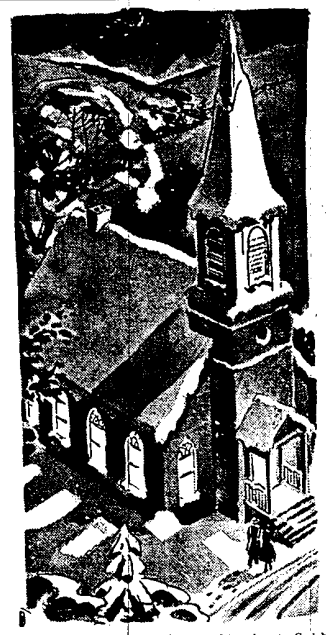
The sky is my big Christmas tree;
The stars they light it bright,
Like baubles they sure glisten
And if I stop to listen,
I hear the carol, "Holy Night."

The ocean is the parlor floor
All sprinkled white with snow,
The milky way's the roping
And here I lay a hoping
That "All is well" from those below.

Ah, let us leave the picture
Me, in my hammock swing;
No star-shells in my dreaming,
No bomb-gods madly screaming,
Just living is a blessed thing.

So this year it's my Blue Christmas
But keep your home pure white
Just see that labor's humming,
And keep supplies a coming
For service boys to win the fight.

—Imogene Bicking, December, 1943



Ours is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. God has bountifully bestowed many blessings upon us. Let us put our trust in Him and be glad this happy Yuletide season.

Enjoy the richest fulfillment of Christmas by attending the church of your choice. Here you will find freedom from the worries of the present, and new hope for the future. Your church is the bulwark of democracy. There too freedom exists and flourishes, and it's still a MERRY CHRISTMAS in the Land of the Free.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH PLANS FOR HOLIDAYS

The Sunday School of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will hold their Christmas party on Friday evening, December 24, Christmas Eve, at 8:00 p. m.

On Christmas night there will be a candlelight service at 8:00 p. m. Communion will be observed at the Sunday morning service at 10:00 a. m. on December 26.

A Watch Night Party is planned for New Year's Eve. This party is open to everyone and it is hoped a good crowd will attend. Beginning at 8:30 p. m. there will be a social hour and entertainment. Worship service will begin at 11:30 p. m. to last to the New Year.

Mothers Club Names Officers

The Farmington Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America held election of officers on December 16. Newly elected are Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Schrieber, senior vice president; Mrs. Katherine Matrilie, junior vice president; Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary; Mrs. Lettie McIntyre, financial secretary and Mrs. Margaret Kahrl, treasurer. These officers and those who are to be appointed will be installed on January 30.

Members of the Chapter have received requests for articles from convalescent soldiers and will collect the requested items. Percy Jones, Hospital needs coarse cotton in balls, all colors, and odds and ends of yarn. They do not want whole skeins of yarn, but only the bits that may be left for making rugs. They can use nicely wrapped gifts for their keeno parties which they hold every Saturday night.

Facility Hospital at Fort Custer can use stationery, stamps, cigarettes, men's magazines, with west stories, picture magazines, and jig saw puzzles. This hospital has mental casualties of World War II.

Anyone who would like to help this collection and make contributions of these items may leave them at the home of Mrs. Sarah Hopkins, 22320 Lakeway.

WILL ORGANIZE LIVONIA CHAPTER OF RED CROSS

The Livonia Chapter of the American Red Cross will elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary on Wednesday evening, December 29, at a meeting to be held in the Livonia Township Hall at 8:00 p. m.

All people of the community interested in Red Cross work are asked to be present at this meeting. This is a new chapter and it is hoped a large group will attend to help in the organization work.

Mrs. Minnie Gates spent Sunday in Plymouth with her brother and family.

Many Answer Plea for Gifts

Residents of Farmington Township and City responded generously to the call for Christmas gifts for soldiers, and under the supervision of Mrs. W. W. Shoom this community collected 38 attractively wrapped boxes which were sent to the Oakland County Motor Corps Headquarters in Pontiac. They were loaded into a truck Tuesday by the members of the Motor Corps and taken to Fort Custer, Battle Creek. There they will be distributed through the cooperation of field directors and special service officers of the United States Army. Fort Custer asked for 1,440 boxes, and the overflow will be sent to soldiers at Camp Brede, Alpena; Coast Guard, Seifridge Field, and negro troops at Camp Skeel, Oscoda. These boxes will go to boys who otherwise would not be remembered.

For days the gayly packaged gifts have been piling up in the Motor Corps office of the Red Cross until more than 2,000 were finally collected for distribution. A maximum expenditure of \$200 was placed on each box, and a list of contents on the outside disclosed much originality. The list was designed to make it easy for officers to give appropriate gifts to hospitalized soldiers or those on special duty. The donor placed his name and address on a card inside the box.

Mrs. Shoom worked under the direction of Mrs. Walter D. Appel, County Chairman of the Camp and Hospital Committee.

SERVICE BUTTONS TO BE ISSUED STARTING MONDAY

Distribution of lapel buttons to discharged Michigan service men and women of World War II will begin Monday in room 1304, Penobscot Building, Col. S. D. Ringsdorf, commanding officer, District No. 1, said Saturday.

Original discharge papers may be presented in person or mailed to U.S. Army at the Penobscot address before the buttons will be issued. No copies or photostats of the discharge will be accepted. The discharge papers will be inducted and returned. The office will be open from 8:15 a. m. to 5 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

The buttons will be given to all persons honorably discharged from the army since September 8, 1939, including officers, enlisted men, as large as a one-cent piece with a spread-eagle embossed on the surface. They are shaped like collar buttons and are to be worn in coat lapels.

Only one will be issued to each person and losses may be replaced by applying direct to the Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TO CAROL IN CLARENCEVILLE

On Friday night, December 24, the Youth Fellowship of the Clarenceville Methodist Church will give a carol singing at the community. Later in the evening they will enjoy a social hour at the Grace Home, 22300 Osmus Avenue.

On Friday evening, December 31, which is New Year's Eve, there will be a Watch Night Service at the church from 9:00 to 12:00. There will be games, lots of fun and refreshments. A devotional service with communion will be held at the midnight hour.

A prayer and praise service is held every Thursday night at 7:30 p. m. at the church. Visitors are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Auten and daughter, Mrs. Douglas Smith of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Auten of Melville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.

Goodfellow Paper Sale Reaches All-Time High

HOWARD THAYER NAMED PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE

The semi-annual business meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club was held this week Wednesday. Newly elected president of the Club to take office the first of the year, is Howard Thayer. Other elected are Fred Menke, vice president; C. C. Goodes, secretary; Emory Hatton, treasurer, and Jack Vos, Maynard Whitehead and Ed Ramsey, new members of the Board of Control.

The club presented a purse as a parting gift to Rev. Howard Busching, who leaves this week to take up residence in the state of Washington. They have also made Rev. Busching an honorary life member of the club.

BOY SCOUTS ENTERTAIN AT DEMONSTRATION

On Monday night Clarenceville Boy Scouts entertained their parents and friends at a demonstration by each patrol in the art of scout sharpening the proper way to fix a pack and bed, signalling by semaphore, Morse, manual alphabet and Indian sign, first aid and campfire building. Carol singing made up another part of the program.

Mr. Swarthout acted as Master of Ceremonies, and called upon Mr. Belser, who asked for parent cooperation and introduced Scoutmaster Campbell, Assistant Scoutmaster Boltho, Commissioners Swarthout and Rutla and asked those parents present to carry his message to those not present and be ready to help the leaders carry on the tremendous task of guiding these boys along the way. Mr. Belser pointed out how these leaders work unceasingly without remuneration and the least they can expect is parent co-operation. Cooperation starts with attendance and get-togethers. The boy's parents who fall in this respect have no idea of the wrong they do the boys.

MACCABEES PLAN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The drawing for the turkey which is being awarded by the Farmington Maccabees will be held on Thursday evening, December 23, at 7:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Becker, 33317 Orchard Street.

The Maccabees will hold their Christmas party on Wednesday, December 23, at the home of Mrs. Earl Callan on Hubbard, beginning with a pot luck at 6:30 p. m. Liberty Tent Hive has accepted an invitation from the Plymouth Hive to be installing officers at their installation on January 15. The next regular meeting of the Farmington Hive will be held on January 7 at the High School Cafeteria. All members are asked to please attend.

Dr. Frank Adams Will Preach Here

Dr. Frank D. Adams will preach at the Universalist Church on Warner Street on Thursday evening, January 6. The service begins at 8:00 p. m. and everyone is cordially invited to attend and hear this fine speaker.

Children Invited To Theatre Party Friday Afternoon

The Goodfellow paper sale held last Saturday was the most successful drive the old newsboys have ever staged in Farmington. Starting early in the morning, the Goodfellows stopped pedestrians and motorists, asking them to buy a paper for whatever contribution they cared to make. The paper was a special Farmington Goodfellow edition, and carried a picture on the front page of those who were carrying on the paper sale.

At the end of the day the Goodfellows found they had collected \$611.56 from the paper sale, the largest figure they have ever attained. Last year's sale totaled something over \$500.00.

The Goodfellows have arranged to issue orders on local stores for food and clothing for those families which have assistance at this Christmas season. The balance of the money will go into their funds to be used for rehabilitation work following the war. They already have a considerable amount set aside for this purpose, and hope to continue to add to the fund.

The Goodfellows and Exchange Club are sponsoring a Christmas Party for the children of the Community, to be held Friday afternoon, December 24, beginning at 2:30 p. m. at the Civic Theatre. There will be special films and other entertainment for the occasion. Santa Claus will attend the party, and will distribute candy to the children. All the children of this vicinity are cordially invited to come to the theatre at the guests of the Goodfellows and the Exchange Club.

PROGRAM POSTPONED BY INFLUENZA

The annual Christmas Program of First Baptist Church, postponed because of the influenza epidemic, will be presented on the evening of December 31, New Year's Eve, at 8:00 o'clock. Candy will be distributed to all at this service. Following the program there will be a social hour of music, games and refreshment. The evening will close with a devotional period just before midnight. Everyone is invited to attend all or part of the evening.

Sunday's services at the First Baptist Church will be in the form of a local Student Homecoming Day. The message at the 10:30 a. m. worship hour will be delivered by a local young man, Robert Greenman, who is studying at Chicago's Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Other returning students will have part in the day's meetings. The public is cordially invited to hear these young people.

Mary Himmelspach Named To Dean's List

Miss Mary Himmelspach, daughter of Joseph Himmelspach, is named to the Dean's list at Albion College where she is a senior majoring in pedagogy. This is a high scholastic distinction since only those are named who have achieved an average of 25 or more in all their subjects, making them eligible for honors at graduation.

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