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## THOSE UNFORTUNATES

those poor, poor people who live in districts where they never see any snow, couldn't possibly experience beauty such as we are able to enjoy this week. On Wednesday afternoon it seemed particularly beautiful with those lovely soft flakes scurrying earthward. And speaking of snow, remember all the snow you had shoveled by this time last year?

## SAY, FELLA

"All us fightin' farmers had better sit 'round to the Town Hall this Friday night. Old har tell us 'tis 'goin' to be quite a meetin'."



and they've got certificates and everything, just to show that we're carryin' on in our fields, even if we're not in a gun. Yeah, that's right—this Friday night, at 8:00 p.m. at Farmington Town Hall. See ya there, Zeke."

## LET'S GO FARMINGTON

The Fourth War Loan Drive is all set to go next week, and we'll better be all set to meet it. The quota is high, but we're ready for it. Buy every Bond you can and let's see how quickly we can put Farmington right at the head of the list of communities that have passed their quota. For Bullets Now. For Bread Later—that's the spirit! Get those War Bonds.

## LET'S USE

those new waste paper receptacles the City has recently installed along Grand River Avenue. One thing that always strikes a stranger is the cleanliness of a town, and there's no excuse for papers, and refuse, about the streets of Farmington, with those new drums put out.

## MIGHTY FINE

was the verdict the City Commission passed on the oyster stew they enjoyed as guests of the Auxiliary Police Wednesday night. 'Twas a dish to be relished!

## WHAT'S THIS?

Secrets? You're doggoned right they're secret—but not this kind of a secret. Lately we've heard so many rumors concerning military information come to our attention that we'd just like to remind you that if you know anything that might be of any value to our enemies, it is a secret to be closely guarded, and not to be told—even in whispers to your best friend, it is a secret to be securely locked within oneself.



**SMOOTH SAILING**  
to Frances Bacon. Frances has returned to her work as a United States Army Nurse after enjoying a leave with her parents here. The leave came as a total surprise, both to Frances and her parents, but when the opportunity was presented to return to the States from England, as a nurse on a hospital ship, Frances was quick to be ready. She left last Saturday to return to service.

## FEED PAYMENTS NOW BEING MADE TO PRODUCERS

Dairy Feed Payments are now being made by the Oakland County Triple-A Committee for milk produced in the months of November and December. This payment is the same as was made earlier for the October production, and is made at the rate of 30c per hundred for milk sold as fluid milk, and 4c per pound for butterfat sales.

Producers may obtain their draft by going to the Triple-A Farm Program Office, 318 Hubbard Building, Pontiac, Michigan. For the convenience of producers in this area of the county, members of the committee will be at the Farmington Township Hall, on Thursday, January 20, 1944 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those who did not collect for the October production may apply at this time for the payment for all three months.

## Commissioner Contributes To Police

### Auxiliary Unit Is A Fine Group

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission was held Wednesday evening, with all commissioners present. Street Commissioner Hutton was authorized to see that street signs are placed on Adams Street, which runs off of Grand Street. At the present time there are no signs there, and it creates considerable confusion when one is trying to locate an address on Adams Street.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bagley, a leave will be drawn, giving School District Number 5 of the City and Township of Farmington, a 15 year lease on Lot 9 of Assessor's Plot Number 3 of the City. This is the property on which the big stadium at the end of the athletic field stands. The lease will also provide that the school district shall put in proper repair and maintain the band stand, which was the gift of the city several years ago. The commission also made a contribution of \$50.00 to the Auxiliary Military Police of Farmington as an expression of their appreciation for the fine work that is being done by this group. Few people realize that Farmington has a force of forty uniformed and trained auxiliary police, operating directly under Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt, as a branch of the Office of Civilian Defense. At the present time these men are freely of their time, making a night patrol, and are generally of great assistance to the regular police force, and the city, as a whole.

The Auxiliary Police meet regularly twice each month at the American Legion, and are undoubtedly the most active organization of this kind in the State of Michigan. They are ready to respond in case of any emergency, and expect to remain on standby during peacetime as well as during the war period.

The Auxiliary Police are a credit to any community, and Farmington is indeed fortunate to have such a fine group of men here. A good deal of credit is due to Chief DeVriendt for his untiring efforts and to the men who are members of this organization.

## FARM FRONT FIGHTERS MEET AT TOWN HALL

Mr. W. C. Hartmann, local Sinclair agent, is having all his farmer friends and every one interested in farm progress, with their families, to be his guests at a Farm Front Fighters meeting at the Farmington Town Hall on Friday evening, January 21, 1944, at 8:00 p.m.

The final meeting is one of many being held by Sinclair agents everywhere as a contribution to fund finding a solution to the farm labor shortage.

The feature of the meeting is to be a motion picture on training farm help. It is based on a special farm application of the Job Instruction Program developed by the Training Within Industry Section of the War Manpower Commission. That program has been adapted to farming by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

In addition to the picture, there will be a full program of entertainment, including a selected comedy to appeal to every member of the family.

Mr. Hartmann also promises interesting announcements about his plans for dependable delivery of Sinclair products to his farm customers for the coming crop year.

## Cummings-Forsythe Wedding Announced

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Private Merle B. Cummings and Omaha Jean Forsythe, both of Clarenceville, on December 19, 1943. The bride's sister, Wanda, and groom's brother, Robert, were present.

Private Cummings returned to his station at Fort George Meade, Maryland, on December 27.

## Ruth Bacon Begins Her Work

Miss Ruth Bacon, former music instructor at Farmington Public Schools, has recently graduated from the American Red Cross education school in Washington, D.C. and has now arrived at the Coffeyville Army Air Field, Kansas, to become an assistant to Field Director Melville Skoog. As an assistant to the field director, Miss Bacon will be in charge of the Red Cross welfare work at the CAAF station hospital. She is the first worker in the whole midwestern area to be assigned to a comparatively small station hospital, such as the one at CAAF. Previously, the Red Cross had sent trained workers only to the larger hospitals because of a personnel shortage. Now, however, welfare workers are being trained to staff the smaller hospitals.

While attending the Red Cross school in Washington, Miss Bacon was a classmate of Screen Actress Madeline Carroll, who is also training for Red Cross welfare work. In commenting on this, Ruth said, "She and I entered the school a couple of weeks after I did, but I saw her several times. We all thought she would have a room in some swanky hotel and

would have a couple of maids. But she wasn't that way at all. She was just one of the girls, and shared a room with two other students. She was perfectly charming."

In speaking of "Miss Bacon's" Skoog explained that she will not be an assistant field director, but rather, "an assistant to the field director." She will set up a miniaturized Red Cross office at the hospital, and will render the same service for patients that the director and his staff render for able-bodied men at the CAAF.

Included in her work will be the supervision of the work of the CAAF Gray Ladies' Corps. She will also be in charge of the Red Cross motion picture service for hospital patients. She will live with CAAF nurses in their barracks near the hospital.

Before entering Red Cross work Miss Bacon had supervised music instruction in Farmington schools, and also at Homer, for six years. She is a native of Albion, Michigan, receiving her AR degree from Albion College. She has also taken some work on her master's degree at the University of Michigan.

## Basketball Teams Triumph

Both the first and second teams of the Farmington High School basketball squad emerged victoriously from their encounter with Redford Union High School on Tuesday.

The first team won by a score of 23 to 21. At the half Redford Union was in the lead, 12 to 10. Play was fast and hard when in the last minute and a half of the game, with the score 21 to 20, in favor of Redford Union, Rennie Bacon of Farmington got a basket, putting Farmington in the lead, 22 to 21. Cliff Strickland then got a foul shot to make the final score 23 to 21, for Farmington beat Redford Union scoreless for the balance of the game.

High score honors in this exciting game went to Fred Hamilton of Farmington with eight points, and to Cliff Strickland of Redford Union with nine points. This was a fast-moving, well-played game, with plenty of excitement for all at no time during the game was one team more than three points ahead of the other.

Farmington's second team won by a score of 27 to 25. The score was tied with but ten seconds of play left, when Corky DeVriendt threw a basket to clinch the game for the home lads. Redford Union led throughout the game, right up until the final minute. High scorers were Bob Miller of Farmington with 14 points, and Basil of Redford Union with 16 points.

Two games are scheduled for this Friday evening, January 14, in the High School gymnasium. The preliminary game will meet at Elm School in Middle Road between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Roads. The class will be held open for an extra week to allow those who are interested to enroll.

## NEW CLASSES IN FIRST AID BEGIN SOON

A new class in standard first aid is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Arnold Rutlia, who may be reached by telephoning Farmington 1275. This class will meet at Elm School in Middle Road between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Roads. The class will be held open for an extra week to allow those who are interested to enroll.

A class in advanced first aid will begin Thursday, January 20, at Clarenceville High School, under the direction of Walter Dixon. Those interested in this group may reach Mr. Dixon at Farmington 1127.

The girls of Troop 8ight have been making garments to be distributed among the needy.

Girl Scouts of Troop 7 enjoyed a skating party last Wednesday. At their regular meeting on January 10, the girls made some very attractive snow globes.

## VETERANS BECOME MEMBERS OF VFW POST

Don Sherman Hubert Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars obligated the following named wounded veterans of the North African and South Pacific areas.

Pfc Wakely Peppoon, 18449 Delaware Avenue, one of the first Marine to land on Guadalcanal, who has been in service since January 2, 1942, and is now discharged as unfit for further service due to wounds received in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area; Staff Sergeant Earl W. Bonin, 15300 Appleton Avenue, a member of the 81st Bombing Group, home on leave after more than forty bombing missions in the North-Africa theatre, and Sergeant Robert Hunter, 20917 Mayfield Avenue, Detroit, who belonged to the Anti-Sub Group, serving around Trinidad and French and British Guiana.

The three active service veterans were given the obligation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by Senior Vice Commander Cole, Department of Michigan, V.F.W., and the presentation of insignia was made by Department Adjutant Arthur Thomas. Comrades Peppoon and Bonin were presented at the altar by their respective fathers who are also members of Post 345, and Sergeant Hunter was presented by an uncle, Arthur Puschman, now serving in the Navy.

Chief Department officials, present were Michael Thiele, Fourth District Commander, and Edward Rothwell, Director of Public Relations for the V.F.W.

Comrades Peppoon and Bonin graduated from Redford Union High School and Hunter is a graduate of Farmington High School.

## THE GIRL SCOUTS WANT YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Girl Scouts of Farmington would like to have your old Christmas cards. They are going to use them to help devise some entertainment for the soldiers confined to hospitals.

If you have put your old Christmas cards aside to be discarded, don't do it. Instead, bring them to the Enterprise office where they will be put aside for the Girl Scouts, or give them to some Girl Scout, and she will see that they are put in with the collection.

Please see that your Christmas cards are turned in by the first of February for this is the date when the collection will end.

## Mrs. William Zwahlen Is Critically Ill

Mrs. William Zwahlen, who has been the Enterprise correspondent for West Point Park for many years, is critically ill with a heart ailment at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit. Mrs. Zwahlen's daughter, Shirley, who is a member of the W.A.C., has been granted an extension on her furlough, and is remaining here.

The many friends and neighbors of Mrs. Zwahlen wish her a speedy recovery.

## Navy Program Is Explained

Lieutenant Irwin, USNR, of the Naval Training Station at the Ford Motor Company, was guest speaker at the meeting of Farmington Kiwanis Club on Wednesday evening.

His talk was based on the Navy's Training Program, and particularly the training for mechanics to keep the ships fighting, the center of this training being in Detroit. Four months of training for each sailor, with aviation cadets getting 15 to 16 weeks of conditioning training, thus insuring that the man is as strong as the plane he flies.

Lieutenant Irwin pointed out that the Navy considers the pilot the 'important thing, not the plane. Plans may be replaced, but it takes 21 years to fit a man to become a pilot. All men are trained to get back to their base, even if their plane is lost. Good teamwork is an important phase of the Navy's training.

American education is largely responsible for this fine training program we are able to have today. Lieutenant Irwin said that the Axis was counting on a quick victory, before we were able to train our young men, but because of the fine work of American education and the money Americans had invested in their youth before the war, we were able to complete our training programs and to furnish materials to our forces much sooner than the Axis anticipated.

Present war training is making a contribution to education by demonstrating the possibilities of a streamlined program of education. Visual education has made the program much easier, and use of moving pictures has greatly helped students to quickly grasp the knowledge they must have. Our schools, in a post-war period should greatly benefit from present training programs, according to Lieutenant Irwin.

There will be no regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club next week, for Farmington will attend an inter-club meeting at Holly on Monday, January 17. Also, during next week, the annual birthday party of Kiwanis International will be held in Detroit, at the Stat-Hotel, Tuesday noon, January 18. For those who are unable to attend either of these meetings, a round table will be held on Wednesday, January 19, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

At Wednesday's meeting, Kiwanians pledged to do their part to help this community meet its quota of \$100,000 in Series 15, United States Defense Bonds, during the Fourth War Loan Drive.

## TWO WEDDINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SATURDAY

Two weddings of interest to people in this community have been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 15. Miss Virginia Ault, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault, will be married to John Reed Olson, of West Point Park, at a ceremony to be held at the hall, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Members of the immediate families will attend the ceremony and wedding dinner, and later a reception of relatives and close friends is planned.

Another wedding to be held January 15 is that of Betty Trull, eldest daughter of Jack Tallman of Mayfield Avenue, and Fred Shelman. The wedding will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Gordon Cameron, pastor of the Strathmoor Baptist Church officiating.

## Women's Gym Class Resumes Meetings

The Women's Gym Class has resumed its meetings now that the holiday season is over. The class meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium, for volleyball, basketball, kickball, badminton, other games and exercises. Every woman or girl beyond high school age is invited to attend whether or not she has been in the class for any of the previous meetings. Come for fun, exercise and relaxation.

## Youth Guidance Forum Attracts Large Crowd

### GUY DURGAN IS SPEAKER AT EXCHANGE CLUB

Delos Hamlin was in charge of Wednesday's program at Farmington Exchange Club and introduced his guest, Guy Durgan, principal of Barbour Intermediate in Detroit.

Mr. Durgan gave a most interesting talk on child delinquency and the problems that must be met in the schools, churches and home, in connection with today's youth. The talk was particularly timely, coming on the same day as the forum meeting of City and Township representatives, designed to discuss a youth guidance program.

## Paper Pick-Up Will Be Made

Due to a number of requests from citizens living in Farmington Township, Mr. Bayard Tupper, who is directing the pick-up of salvage paper, announced last night that on Saturday afternoon, January 15, starting at one o'clock, trucks will set out to collect newspapers from residents who desire a pickup. Residents should be tied into bundles and be ready for the trucks to collect by not later than one o'clock. Residents desiring a paper pickup should call Mr. Tupper at Farmington 20, or they may call Farmington 382 and leave their name and address not later than 12 o'clock, noon, Saturday.

The paper shortage is becoming more acute daily and Mr. Tupper appeals to the patriotism of every individual to save paper for the war effort. Residents who wish may take their newspapers to the Salvage Collection Center located in the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company yard, or if the yard is closed, place the papers near the name and address, they will be handled the next day.

Mr. Tupper also announced that any organization collecting paper and wishing to sell it, the local Salvage Committee will be glad to buy it from them, but it emphasized the fact that waste paper is urgently needed now and every one should do his utmost to bring in all the paper possible.

## CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN TO FARM MEN

It has been announced by Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, that a feature of the meeting of Farm Front Fighters at Farmington Town Hall on Friday evening, January 21, at 8:00 p.m., will be the presentation of certificates of service to boys who have received deferments from the Oakland County War Board, to farmers who have produced outstanding records, and to hired workers of farmers.

A guest speaker has been engaged, and a movie will be shown. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Young Couple Announce Engagement

At a family dinner in their home on Sunday, December 26, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood C. Koehn, of Pleasant Ridge, announced the betrothal of their daughter, Eleanor, to Pfc Robert G. Larsen, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Larsen of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

The bride-elect attended Wayne University, where she was a member of Delta Gamma Chi. Pfc Larsen was graduated from the University, and is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Pi.

## Home Environment Must Be Improved Is General Opinion

Interest in youth guidance was clearly demonstrated Wednesday evening by the crowd which filled the Town Hall for the open forum meeting sponsored by the Farmington City and Township Youth Guidance Committee.

Frank Steele, Justice of the Peace in Farmington Township, explained how the committee was formed and what they endeavor to do.

Archibald Leonard, chairman of the committee, then spoke. He particularly stressed the advisability of legislation, slated to soon come before our governing bodies, to make parents liable for their children, even though they have passed seventeen years of age.

Father Beahan of Our Lady of Sorrows church stated that he thought the various organizations interested in child guidance program could better operate on a basis of human interest, than on a system of punishment. He quoted figures showing that nine-tenths of the problems concerning youth come from broken homes, as a possible remedy and aid for clearing up this situation, he suggested a change in present divorce laws. Divorce is much too easy under present laws, he stated, and there is no provision made for the number of divorces one may obtain.

M. J. Belsor, superintendent of Clarenceville Schools, gave the lack of cooperation between parents and the schools as one of the factors contributing to the present delinquency trend. He stated that the teacher's hands are tied, it is most important that a child learn to obey before he is five years of age, if he is going to. At the present time our schools are striving to teach better citizenship and better social understanding, and there is room for a great deal more that can be done along these lines, Mr. Belsor said.

E. V. Ayres, superintendent of Farmington Schools, felt the schools and churches were making a mistake by planning so many activities for today's youth. In this way he felt they were unwittingly contributing to the need of youth guidance. Mr. Ayres stated that much can be gleaned of a child's background and personal conduct by an examination of his citizenship and attendance records in school. Just as a student is allowed to form early habits in regards to citizenship and attendance, the trend may be followed throughout his life.

Mr. Clyde Reid spoke on behalf of the citizens in the home. He said our most important work is to build for better future parents by education of the children to day.

A period of discussion followed these various talks by members of the Youth Guidance committee.

This meeting served to more clearly point out that training and background for a useful, patriotic life, must begin in the home. Each parent must assume his duty to see that his children are provided with the examples and help that will assist them in becoming good citizens.

## Daughters Of Isabella Begin New Season

The Daughters of Isabella held their monthly meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows School on Monday evening. Plans for social activities for the year were formulated.

Mrs. Marguerite Villorot will entertain at her home on St. Martin Drive on Wednesday, January 19, for members and friends of the club.

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