

Around The Block

THAT MAN . . . of yours is fighting another fight—the news reports immediately verify that—and that's the most important reason why you should be buying another Bond. The 6th



War Loan Drive was launched in Farmington on Monday, and although no fanfare accompanied the opening here, Gallants are none-the-less determined to once again put Farmington out in front on this 6th War Loan. Get your extra Bond today.

THOSE STRANGE . . . and almost weird noises you heard at various homes in town over the week end, and on Tuesday, only came from the live fowl tied on the front porch, or out in the garage, so you can call off the commando tactics. The manner in which some of the feather party winners handled their prize, one almost thought they had never had a live turkey — or goose — before — and what's more, maybe they hadn't.

YOUR TURKEY . . . might have looked like this just before the family pitched in, but it certainly didn't after they got through with it, judging from the



anticipation with which Thanksgiving was awaited. The nicest part of a Thanksgiving dinner is the many snacks and nibbles to be enjoyed afterwards.

SNOW FLURRIES . . . were a welcome sight to the younger residents, but many of those who no longer enjoy thinking about snowball fights, or retting out the skates and skis, did not find them quite so welcome. Just turn up your collar and snugle down—spring will be around in another five months or so.

IN THE FEASTING . . . and family gathering of Thanksgiving, don't lose sight of the real meaning of the holiday — your Thanksgiving prayer can include so many, many things to be thankful for this year, and let's include a little special prayer for each of our boys who are away. It can't be a real American Thanksgiving until we are all back together again.

CHRISTMAS . . . is really much closer than you realize, and the sooner you complete your shopping the better for everyone. Farmington stores real



ly have some very attractive Christmas gift suggestions this year, so look around town before you venture forth to brave the crowds in the big city—you'll be mighty glad that you did.

FLOYD QUICK SELECTED FOR STUDIO THEATER

Floyd Quick, Farmington freshman at Michigan State College, is one of 32 students selected for active membership in Studio Theater, according to Paul Benson, director of the organization. Quick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Quick, 2511 Brookdale, is enrolled in the basic college.

Studio Theater, a laboratory drama group composed of freshmen, sophomores, and transfer men, aims to develop dramatic technique in the amateur, and is the main source of membership in Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatic honorary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson will entertain at a family dinner Thanksgiving Day.

The Farmington Enterprise

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Vote Monday In School Election

Consolidation Is The Issue

Electors of school districts in the City and Township of Farmington will go to the polls on Monday, November 27, to decide the question of school consolidation. All electors in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 6 Frl. will vote in this election.

It is not necessary to be registered in your school district, in order to cast your ballot. The only provisions are that you must be a citizen of the United States; 21 years of age; have a three month residence in the school district immediately prior to the election, and you must either own property which is assessed for school taxes in the district in which you reside, or be the parent or legal guardian of a child of the age of 5 to 19 years inclusive.

Voters in Township school districts will vote at Farmington Town Hall, and electors in District 5 of the City and Township will vote at the High School gymnasium. Polls at both places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

By consolidation of these school districts, residents are assured of a future educational program which will bring the most advantages possible to each child. Federal Aid may be obtained to build and equip a brand new school plant, adequate to take care of all children in the community. The schools will have superior advantage in obtaining the best of teachers, and in affording complete training and physical education program.

A vote for consolidation now will help assure you of a school you'll be proud to have your children attend in the future.

Every resident is urged to cast his vote on Monday, November 27.

FALCONS OPEN CAGE PRACTICE FOR SEASON

Seventy boys are working out daily at the Farmington High School gym getting ready for the 1944-45 basketball season. The Falcons open their schedule December 1 at Walled Lake in a league game. Farmington lost 15 members of its starting lineup of last year by graduation. Otherwise, the "Blue and White" five will present a veteran lineup when it squares off against Walled Lake. Farmington's cagers start only one league game this year, and in addition, captured the district tournament finally bowing to Flint Tech in the finals of the regional meet at Perendale.

Many of the boys that helped Farmington to clinch up eight straight football victories this fall are also very much at home on the hardwood. This year's quintet will be captained from a guard position by "Slinging" Rennie Bacon who will be remembered by football fans as the "man behind the center" in the signal calling slot. Blond Elliot Tyler, the Falcon's backfield ace, will be at one of the forward positions. Silent, football-mannered Fred Hamlin of football fame will hold down the pivot position for the Blue and White. "Doc" AschenBrenner, Farmington's watch chain captain, and in addition, will team up with Bacon at the other guard position. The battle for the other forward position is wide open with Bob McLean, Bob Miller, Don Ferguson, Dave Carley and "Corky" DeVriendt as the main contenders. No matter what five boys are on the floor, local fans will be assured of a thrill a minute as Farmington attempts to continue its winning ways in cage circles.

All positions on the reserve team are wide open with the exception of a forward berth, which belongs more to Bob Miller, the only holdover from last year's squad, will hold down. There are boys two and three deep for every position, so the starting lineup will not be determined until a day or so before the first game with Walled Lake.

Pfc Charles Larson of Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio, will spend Thanksgiving at home.

THANKSGIVING TABLES OVERSEAS TO BE LADEN

Farm products will contribute to the Thanksgiving celebration in American Red Cross clubs throughout the world, where our servicemen will be served the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings including cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, and of course, pumpkin pie. Turkeys are expected to be plentiful overseas for the American boys who last year consumed 28 tons of turkey in one city alone.

Entertainment, though simple close to the front, will include in Red Cross leave area clubs back of the lines large dinner parties preceded by religious services and followed by games, movies and Thanksgiving programs. For hospitalized servicemen and those unable to come to the clubs, the American Red Cross has made special provision. Clubmobiles will visit outposts and airfields. And in hospital wards brightened with decorations made in many instances by the patients themselves, Red Cross hospital workers will again provide entertainment, and a Thanksgiving dinner will be served. Bed patients will be specially prepared holiday trays.

Basketball Season Opens

Farmington High School will open its 1944-45 basketball season next Friday night, December 1, with Walled Lake. The game will be played in the Walled Lake gymnasium.

The balance of the basketball schedule is as follows: December 8, Birmingham, here; December 15, Northville, there; December 22, Wayne, here; January 5, Redford Union, here; January 12, Milford, there; January 19, Keego Harbor, there; January 26, Walled Lake, here; February 2, Detroit Country Day School, here; February 9, Northville, here; February 13, Redford Union, there; February 16, Birmingham, there; February 20, Milford, here; February 23, Keego Harbor, here.

O.E.S. CHAPTER WILL ENTERTAIN MASONIC LODGE

Farmington Chapter No. 233, Order of the Eastern Star, has invited the husbands of members and the members of the Masonic Lodge and their wives, to join them in a pot luck dinner, Tuesday evening, November 23, at 6:30 o'clock, and in an open meeting at 8:00 o'clock. Members of Orient Chapter, Northville, will provide the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Charles Pettibone and son, John, spent Sunday afternoon in Detroit.

War Fund Falls Short

Farmington's War Chest collection closed last Saturday, nearly \$1,500 short of the \$1,250 quota, according to the final report made by Dick Taylor, general chairman. In view of the hard work done by the Blue Star Mothers, who handled the general solicitation, some of the residents of the community were not reached by direct contact. It is asked that all those who have not given, please send in their pledges. The Enterprise office will see that all pledges are added to the fund at once.

Many of our citizens gave generously and gladly, but many, including families of men in service, who benefit directly by their contributions, haven't given as much as should have been contributed, if they have given at all. It should have been very easy for the community to reach its low quota if so many had not dodged their responsibilities.

We wish to correct a rumor that has prevailed during the drive, that the Blue Star Mothers received any part of the contributions. Their organization has given freely of their time, last year and again this year, with no interest except making this worthy cause a success.

Mr. Taylor and all those who worked on the War Chest drive wish to extend their thanks to the solicitors and to those who contributed.

CHINESE MOTIF CARRIED OUT FOR J-HOP

The annual J-Hop of The Junior Class of Farmington High School was held Saturday evening, with an excellent attendance. The hop was one of the nicest ever given here in Farmington. The gymnasium was decorated in Chinese motif, with life-size drawings, lanterns and a most realistic Chinese garden. Music for dancing was provided by Bill Gail's orchestra. Patrons and patronesses for the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Z. R. AschenBrenner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warner, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. David McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Daines, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Van Hulle and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Tyler.

Thanksgiving Service Is Open To All

Special Thanksgiving services of Christian Science Society, Farmington, will be held Thanksgiving night, November 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Ralph Noble, Mrs. Gliza and Mrs. Frank Bradley attended the funeral of Riley Wolfram Monday afternoon.

IN FRANCE



PRIVATE ROBERT BANKS

Private Robert Banks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banks of Fendt Road. Robert has been in the Army two years in February, and has been overseas since March, 1944, first in England, and now with the Engineers, somewhere in France. He writes that he has done a lot of travelling since going overseas, and has seen some interesting things, including battlegrounds of the First World War, some of the original trenches still remaining.

Robert attended Farmington High School and has many friends here.

Besides their son, Mr. and Mrs. Banks also have a son-in-law, Bill Robinson, of Redford, who is with the Engineers, somewhere in France.

METHODIST BAZAAR OFFERS MANY ATTRACTIONS

Everything is now in readiness for the bazaar and dinner given by the Ladies of the Farmington Methodist Church, on Friday, December 1.

The bazaar will be open at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, and all will find much to interest them in the various displays. The Book Club will feature a booth of books, and will take orders for subscriptions; there will be a Hobby Show, and booths featuring hand made rugs, aprons, fancy work and baked goods. Christmas gift suggestions will be offered, and you're sure to find a gift that would please your most discriminating friend.

The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and those wishing to attend are asked to please make their reservation with Miss Viola Walters, telephone Farmington 0193.

The ladies have worked hard to make this the best bazaar ever, and cordially invite you to attend.

Mrs. Christine Bayer left November 15 for San Diego, California, to spend two weeks with her husband, Helmut Bayer, who is stationed there, with the Navy.

Sixth War Loan Drive Is Launched In Farmington

LEAGUE MEETS TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

A meeting of the Southwestern Oakland County League was held in Farmington this week, with all schools but Brighton and Holly represented. Newly elected officers are Warren Abbott of Keego Harbor, president; Wayne Webb of Milford, vice president, and Robert Hulton of Farmington, secretary and treasurer.

The League completed schedules for the baseball season, and for next year's football season, and discussed routine business.

Gift Packages Are Solicited

It is almost Christmas time again, and again this year the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to give 2,000 Christmas packages for the men and women in the Armed Forces in Michigan. Last year the people of Farmington gave a wonderful response to the call, and again this year Mrs. W. W. Stocum, in charge of this work here, has been asked to have Farmington residents supply these gift boxes. The gifts will go first to the hospitalized servicemen and women in Michigan, and after these have been supplied, any surplus gifts will be distributed among the able-bodied members of the Armed Forces throughout the state.

Please wrap your package as Christmas gifts, with a list of the contents on the outside, as the doctors at various Army hospitals must know what the packages contain before distributing them. Also, enclose a card of which your name and address is inscribed. Packages are left at Farmington Bakery, and should be there no later than December 12, as they will have to be taken to Pontiac, and sent out with the County quota.

Suggested articles for these boxes include playing cards, writing paper, shaving cream, chewing gum, pencils, cigarettes, small paper-backed novels, soap, pads, postcards, cookies that won't spoil, tooth paste or powder, combs, etc. Please remember the deadline December 12, and leave your gift package at Farmington Bakery before that date.

D. OF I. CIRCLE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Sorrows Circle, held a public installation of officers on Sunday evening, November 19, at Farmington Town Hall. Visitors attending the installation were: Worthy Mother, Mrs. Mayme Swelgert, State Vice Regent Mrs. Claude, State Trustee Mrs. Hadcock and Regent of Mother Caprine Circle, Mrs. Zannet.

Mrs. Swelgert installed the new officers, including Mrs. Louise Brown, Regent; Mrs. Margarette Villeroy, Vice Regent. After the installation tea was served, with Mrs. Anna LaPriese and Mrs. Irma Dwyer presiding at the tea table. A number of visitors and gentlemen of the parish enjoyed the tea.

Mrs. Dwyer, acting Regent, was presented with her Circle pin by Mrs. Marie Cronin.

Mrs. Swelgert in a brief message to the gathering brought out the importance of not only winning the war by savage and all other means, but also of bringing about a just and lasting peace by increased practice of prayer, and teachings of the Holy Mother of the Church.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Blanche LaPriese, newly installed organist, gave several vocal and piano numbers, which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs. Ralph Noble, 4065 Nines Mile Road, will be hostess to the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Retail Quota Of \$16,800 Is The Goal

The Sixth War Loan Drive was launched throughout the nation on Monday, November 20. It is the goal of our nation to have citizens invest 14 billion dollars in United States Defense Bonds during this drive.

Here in Farmington the Gallants were out early Monday morning, putting forth their effort to see that the local retail quota of \$16,800 is met. Chairman Joseph Himmelspach would like to see this quota met by December 1st. In the State Chairman Frank Isbey has asked that the quota be met by December 7, a date that means our quota by that time, we'll give our reassurance to our boys, and they'll know that we are putting forth every effort to give them whatever is needed to end this war in the shortest possible time.

The Gallants, under the able leadership of Mr. Joseph DeVriendt, are again maintaining booths at which you may buy War Stamps and Bonds, in the Post Office, the Bank, and each evening at the Civic Theatre. Farmington Dairy continues to act as an issuing agency, and in addition, Mrs. Florence Leach, librarian announces that she has stamps on sale, and she will be glad to take your application for a bond any time during library hours.

The job is a long way from over yet. The toughest part for our fighting men may be just beginning. Sure, the easiest part of the whole war effort is lending money. Have you done your share? The more and better equipment they have, the fewer lives will be lost.

War in the Pacific will probably be the costliest in history. Disasters of vast supplies and equipment must travel thousands of miles, in huge quantities, to many places.

Your dollars are needed now more than ever. Japan continues to fight fanatically — they know they can't win, but they expect us to lose. Let's give them the answer in the 6th War Loan!

Buy the biggest War Bonds you can, and do it now. It is a privilege we are lucky to have.

CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS ARE IN THE MAIL

Approximately 600 residents of this community will be made happy — and considerably richer — by the distribution of the 1944 Christmas Club checks by the Farmington State Bank. Checks in the amount of \$40,000 were in the mail on Wednesday morning.

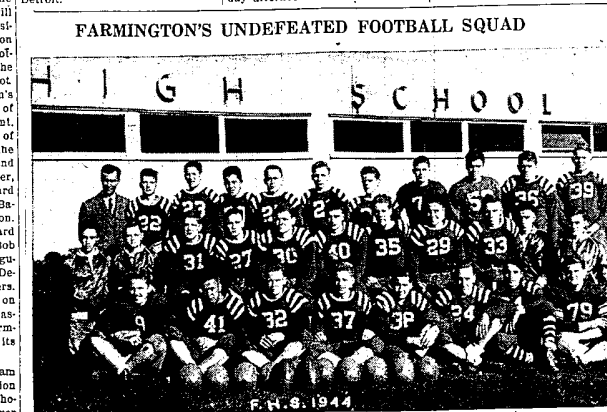
Last year's Christmas Club distribution was approximately \$30,000, showing about a third increase during 1944. More and more residents are coming to see the value of Christmas Club accounts, where systematic, regular saving will bring money for end of the year expenses. The money is not wholly for Christmas purchasing, for a check received that some of it is immediately re-deposited into savings, while others choose to use the money for taxes and other operation expenses.

The 1946 Christmas Clubs will soon be opened, and clubs are available in denominations from 10c to \$5.00 per week.

Obituary

James W. Cicotte
Funeral services were held Monday for James W. Cicotte, who passed away in Newberry, Michigan, Wednesday, November 15. Mr. Cicotte was born in Ecorse and spent his early life there, later moving to Newberry. He was a Spanish War veteran and was buried with full military honors. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann, and a brother, Eddie V. Cicotte of Farmington, and two other brothers, George and Alva and two sisters, Carrie and Ida.

Services were held in Our Lady of Sorrows Church and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.



—Photo by LeRoy Percy
Above are members of the Farmington High School Football squad who completed the year with a perfect record, no defeats and no ties. The top row, reading left to right, are Coach Robert Hutton, Bill Brooks, Harold Turney, Don, Gramer, Milton Knight, Bob McLean, Clyde Yokum, Bob Cartee, Donald Kobman, Bill Blight and Dave Carley. Center row, left to right, are Jerry Fisher and Bob Newlin, managers, Bob Miller, Rennie Bacon, Bud AschenBrenner, Fred Hamlin, Elliot Tyler, Corky DeVriendt, Dick Bangert and Norman Goers and Bud Locker, managers. Bottom row, left to right, Bob Chesley, Sam Erwin, Ed Norton, Jimmy Joy, Mat Erwin, Cyril Schretners, Bill Van Hulle and Jack Brown.

W.C.T.U. To Meet At Noble Home

Mrs. Ralph Noble, 4065 Nines Mile Road, will be hostess to the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 23, at 2:00 p.m.