

## WEST POINT PARK

By L. A. Ault

Mrs. Austin Ault, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oman and daughter, Ruth Anne, all of Irving Ave., visited Mr. Oman's father in Toledo on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stroszki of near Elsie visited with relatives in this section Friday evening of last week.

Mrs. Virell Camary, from near Elsie, visited with West Point relatives Saturday.

Freda Ault spent Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Johnsons over on Clarita.

Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol hoped and visited friends in Brightmoor Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Davis, Farmington Road, spent Friday in Detroit.

Herman Shult, accompanied by his sons, Alford and Jimmy, went

to Grand Rapids Sunday and paid a holiday visit to Mr. Shult's mother.

Mrs. Raymond Ackerson of Hubbard Ave., visited in Detroit Friday.

The death of a friend called the Clyde Buckinghams into Detroit Friday evening.

Emerson Ault was home for the Christmas week-end.

The Johnson Porters, from New London, O., arrived here Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ault. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Hurlburt and her mother, from near New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Sheets and daughters, from Roanoke, Ind., were Christmas weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault and other relatives here.

Mrs. Jacob Sheets, of near Ft. Wayne, Ind., arrived Friday to spend the next three months with

her daughters, Mrs. Homer Coolman and Mrs. Russell Ault.

Mrs. Margaret Martin was the Christmas weekend guest of her son, Carl Borkland and his family in the East Side, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Judd and children of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stange.

F. Broquet, Norfolk Ave., was the Christmas guest of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Owen Stevens, in Detroit.

Ruth Broquet, youngest daughter of F. Broquet, is leaving Tuesday for a short vacation with her brother, Perry Broquet, in Iowa.

The Norman Kauransons, of Mayfield Ave., entertained a large group of relatives from Detroit at dinner Christmas day.

Mrs. Rehahn entertained her nephew, Mr. Galloway and his wife, Garden City, at dinner Sunday.

Jimmy Rice is another of our service men fortunate enough to have a leave home at Christmas time. His mother, Mrs. George Smith, resides on Hubbard Ave.

Marion Bolvard was reported on the sick list last week.

Little Judy Muir of Shady Side Ave., has been ill with a severe cold.

Mr. Armstrong of Mayfield Ave. was ill all last week with flu.

Edward Stange, Jr. is undergoing a tonsil operation at Grace Hospital this week.

Billy Varhol, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Varhol, was rushed to Receiving Hospital Saturday to be treated for blood poisoning in one leg.

Christmas parties were in order in all the rooms of the Exchange of Gifts was, of course, the most important feature at all these affairs.

In honor of her seventeenth birthday the Senior Girl Scouts tendered a surprise to Miss Lora Anne Ault of Mayfield Ave., last Monday night. About a dozen girls participated and the affair was a success in every way.

Miss Ault's mother served a tasty lunch and candles were blown on beautifully decorated cake. Lovely gifts were presented the young lady.

The Sunshine Sisters held their annual Christmas party Wednesday afternoon in the Neighborhood Church. Appropriate songs were sung and readings given. During the social hour a grab bag exchange of gifts provided much hilarity and pleasure as well.

The surprise feature of the afternoon was the awarding of a shower of pot holders, tea towels and the like to Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson, who has lately moved into a new home.

Home-made cake and fancy cookies with plenty of hot tea were passed at the end of the afternoon.

The Boys and Girls Group, which has been meeting in the Neighborhood Church Friday evenings, held their Christmas party Friday evening of last week. After their usual hymn-singing and devotional period all got busy on a grab-bag exchange of gifts. After all were satisfied and the merriment partially subdued, candy and fruit donated by interested friends were passed out to the happy youngsters.

The Prayer-Bible Study Group met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ault last Thursday evening. At the close of the study period a very interesting letter from Miss Ina Peterson, formerly a member of the group but now in Chicago, was read. Afterwards the ladies busied themselves in packing candy into bags for the Christmas treats of the Neighborhood Church community. Cake and tea added to the evening.

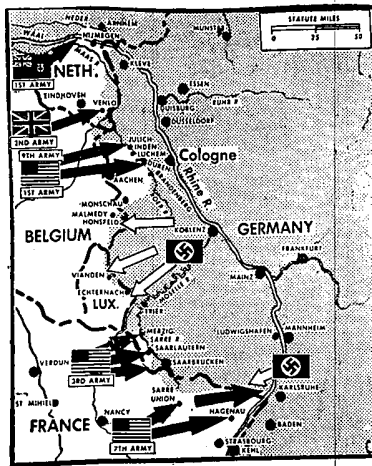
The Christmas service of the Neighborhood Bible School was held at the usual hour Sunday. The most important numbers on the program were musical in character. Instrumental solos by Miss Francis Kauranen, with her accordion and Miss Shirley Ault with her clarinet greatly pleased. Rev. Axel Edwards was present and delighted all by singing two Christmas hymns, with violin accompaniment. Rev. Edwards also gave an inspiring talk on "The Meaning of Christmas." At the close of the session candy treats and gifts were distributed to all members of the school.

The Neighborhood Church folks were greatly favored at their Yuletide meeting Sunday evening when David Griffith, talented singer of Detroit, sang a series of solo hymns and led in the singing of the group. It is hoped he may be heard again soon.

Hair Bows

From five to fifty, the female of the species wears bows in her hair. Keep them looking pretty by washing them when the ribbon is mussed or soiled. Use a basin of lukewarm water and give them very gentle rubbing, plenty of cool rinsing, and then iron between pressing cloths. A little starch may be helpful in restoring crispness. If there is doubt about color-fastness, wash each ribbon separately.

## THE ENEMY SCORES



SOUNDPHOTO—The German army relayed Belgium and Luxembourg in an all-out offensive using a new "V" weapon, and denting U.S. Fifth Army lines with thousands of troops and scores of tanks. The Nazis, seizing the initiative for the first time since D-Day, swept back along the paths of their 1940 conquests with the cry, "On to Paris."

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## RESTLESS ARE THE SAILS—

Evelyn Eaton. Evelyn Eaton again, as in "Quietly My Captain Waits," has given us an unforgettable historical novel of the early French settlers.

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Paul de Mornay, a prisoner of war in New England, hearing of a plan to send an expedition against Louisbourg, the famous French fort, determines to warn the Governor of Louisbourg of the forces gathering against him. That is the beginning of a 500 mile journey by sea and forest trail, in the course of which he meets the notorious Abbe LeLievre, marries an Indian girl, only to fall in love with the governor's daughter during the siege and surrender of Louisbourg. The pathetic and terrible story of this siege is as thrilling as it is authentic. How it affects Paul, who turns fugitive, then pirate, what befalls his Indian wife, how at last he fulfills his destiny, builds up into a story of vitally compelling interest.

A WALK IN THE SUN—Harry Brown. Private Brown, in this short, swift novel of continuous action, has set down a few hours' history of one platoon of Yankee soldiers on the outskirts of a beach head battle in Italy. Approaching the shore in the darkness before dawn, the platoon becomes the victim of an unannounced attack by a tank that strikes down the lieutenant in command. Ashore, the sergeant, who is supposed to succeed him is promptly killed. The detachment, waiting for orders, is strayed by low-flying planes and suffers casualties. Somehow the men pull themselves together and get going toward their objective, an enemy machine-gun nest in a farmhouse six miles inland. Before they are halfway to it their third commander of the morning has cracked under the cumulative strain of a year's hard fighting and is reduced to mere gibbering. Within a hair's breath of utter panic, they are steadied again by the miracle of leadership that the exigency itself has produced in their sergeant. Once more they pull themselves together, dispose with rough-and-ready competence of the unexpected armored car that threatens the total defeat of their assignment, and go on, invincible now, to the fulfillment of their mission. It is a simple and entirely unpretentious story about an insignificant marginal affair of unassuming heroes; but it contains so much homely truth about the common American soldier, so much great and good news about his characteristic behavior in the presence of death and under the racing shadow of deadly fear, that one can hardly call it anything less than the Red Badge of Courage of our generation and of this war.

THE LONG CHRISTMAS.

From Christmas to Epiphany is thirteen days, and this is the Long Christmas. For each night of the thirteen, Ruth Sawyer sets a candle burning with a story. Some are humorous, some touching, some ancient, and some brand new, and all are interspersed with carols and Christmas rhymes.

These tales are as old and new

## WEST FARMINGTON

By Mrs. Sarah Knapp

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walters and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimmer.

Mrs. Roland Green called on Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh entertained at a Christmas "dinner Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham entertained at their guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Procknow and family of Garden City and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Graham of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heliker and son attended the wedding of Joe Porter at the Wixom Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sarantatos of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and Starr and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heliker and son spent Christmas with Mr. Heliker's mother, Mrs. Mary Heliker, in Pontiac.

Mrs. Charles Heliker and grandson, Richard Heliker, Jr., spent

and molly as Christmas tree bells. The story of Lucifer and Michael fighting on the starlit plain has been handed down through the centuries among the shepherds of Spain; the story of Michael Barrow's Castle and the good Saint Bridget is of present-day New York. There are stories from the ancient countries; the Languedoc of medieval France, the enchanted Isle of Man. There are stories from the Peloponnes, from the gay Tirol, from the campfire gatherings of Finnish Gypsies, from the great Gaelic heritage of Elze.

The Long Christmas is, by nature, a seasonal collection, but the stories which make it up are too good to be so limited. Like holly berries, they are particular to Christmas, but like growing holly, glossy with summer, they are not confined thereto. The fable of the ass that loved a goose, or that of the whimsical Goblin King, and the three small boys, will be as delightful in July as in a white December.

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Tuesday with Mrs. Mary Heliker and Mrs. Sarah Murray in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp and son, Petty Officer Raymond See and wife called on Mrs. Edith Graham Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer See had a family gathering in honor of their son, Raymond See, Petty Officer 3/c, who has been decorated for serving in six campaigns in the South Pacific theater of operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert and daughter, June Green, of Detroit on Sunday.

John Olson, who has received his silver wings and a commission from Corpus Christi, Texas, is home on leave, and spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Esther Olson, of 12 Mile Road.

By Mrs. Lyman Bush, Jr. Joyce and Bob Gerds entertained a group of neighborhood boys and girls at a toboggan party on Thursday evening. Hot chili was served, and a good time was had by all.

Lyman Bush and son, David, have both been ill the past week with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Hulst and daughter, Mary, were guests at Christmas dinner at the home of the latter's aunt, Miss Sadie Hopkins in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted and Hazel Skinner were Saturday evening dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Halsted of Farmington.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gerds were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squire and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schulz and daughter, Jackie, all of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oshauer Lukefahr entertained Arthur Curdy and friends of Detroit at a Christmas eve dinner at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Wixom spent Sunday at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Hulst.

Miss Eva Hubler, who has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Lyman Bush and family, left Saturday for Imlay City to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hill and family were entertained at Christmas dinner at the home of the latter's sister in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted were Sunday Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Frances Halsted of Farmington.

The West Farmington school pupils are enjoying a week's vacation, following their Christmas party Friday.

Mrs. Herman Gerds received a beautiful poinsettia plant from her son, Pfc Donald E. Gerds, who is stationed with the U.S. Marines somewhere in the South Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted entertained Dr. and Mrs. Lee Halsted at a Christmas breakfast at their home.

Fred Skinner had Christmas dinner at the Charles Halsted home.

## LOCALS

Lt. (jg) William Slocum and Miss Susan Slocum are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett entertained Christmas day, Mrs. Ray Bowers and daughter, Mrs. Edna Meeker of Bowling Green, Ohio, Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Walling and children of Memphis, Michigan and Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett of Highland Park.

On Christmas day, Mrs. William Gerds entertained Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Adams, Mr. and Mrs. U. Grace and Mr. Clair Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollis Jensen spent Christmas in St. Clair Shores with Mr. Clifford Herrington, and Mrs. Oleta Mikesell and small son, Mr. Herrington's sister, Mrs. Lita Foley, son Billy and daughter Patricia, were also guests.

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