

Around The Block

YOU GIVE... so that he may walk. The National Fund for Infantile Paralysis will soon begin the national appeal for your dime — and dollars — to aid infantile paralysis sufferers all over the Nation. The polio epidemic which we recently experienced is mute testimony to the importance of this drive. Just remember that when you are making your contribution.



THE SCOUT LAW...

which says that a Scout will do a good turn daily means more than just a few words, as one resident can readily testify, for on Tuesday evening she found herself in the ditch on Orchard Lake Road, near Twelve Mile. She wasn't just off the road—she was in the ditch. Along came some Scouts and offered their help. About the only help the lady motorist, who was driving a saloon and his wife to home for dinner, could suggest was for them to get the wrecker for her. Off they went and in about five minutes the Scouts returned, not with the wrecker, but with more Scouts. With the additional force they actually lifted the car from the ditch and placed it back on the road, then merely going off, confident that their good turn for the day had been accomplished. The lady is truly grateful.

THE BATTLE... that seems to center around Farmington these days concerns neither the Japs nor the Nazis, but rather the snow plows. The city works away, and just manages to get the city streets cleared off, and the intersections along Grand River cleared away, when along comes the state plow, and there you have it—the intersection is all piled up with snow again. And so the battle rages. The winter. That depends upon whether you find the intersections cleared or not.

THE OPERATORS... at the telephone office just aren't going to let you forget to put the coin in front of three digit telephone numbers. You ask for a familiar number without thinking, and what happens? A well modulated, untruffled voice asks you if you mean 6-4-2-6 and so, and you meekly answer that you do, finally, reminding you will remember next time. Only along comes that next time and you've got your mind on something else, and you stupidly repeat the process, and a still untruffled voice repeats the number correctly. We've had a good bunch that sooner or later that operator is going to have her way about it, too.

OUR GFS... are depending more than ever today upon a constant flow of mail from home to bolster their morale. The best way you can be sure



that your letters reach them, and that is the use of V-Mail. With the limited space now available for transportation of mail, it's a big help to the postal service, too, so start the year right. Write often—and use V-Mail.

EXCHANGEITES... who have been most faithful in attending club meetings have expressed the hope that "foxy" members will soon put away such diversions and be a bit more regular in attendance at Exchange Club meetings. And anyway, when the hounds lead to an empty stump where one might well hang the sign "The Fox Slept Here," there really isn't such an incentive to continue the hunt, is there?

VACATION DAYS... are over, and the kids are all back in school this week. Some of these nippy mornings it's a strong temptation to fetch a headache or a pain, but after two weeks vacationing the kids seem glad to once again settle down to business.

The Farmington Enterprise

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WITH WAR BONDS

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Home Fund Continues To Grow

Early Contributions Are Very Helpful

The response continues to be very good in the campaign to raise funds for the erection of a Memorial Home in Farmington. The American Legion is waging the campaign to secure \$20,000 by popular subscription, this amount to be added to the \$10,000 now in the American Legion building fund and the combined amount of \$30,000 will meet the estimated cost of the memorial home.

An attempt is being made to secure most of the subscriptions by letter, rather than personal calls, as this will have a good deal of time. Letters to which a subscription blank is attached, have been sent to many residents now, and more letters will be sent out. These truly explain the need for the home, and outline plans for financing and building.

The new home will be a living memorial to Farmington's war dead, and while it is designed primarily for the use of returning veterans, it will be available for use by all local organizations.

MISS GUSTAFSON MAINTAINS HIGH AVERAGE

Dorothy Gustafson, Farmington freshman at Michigan State College who achieved a 2.01 grade point average during fall quarter, contributed highly to the 2.05 average, slightly better than a "B" average, of the 142 students attending MSC on alumni scholarships. Glen O. Stewart, director of alumni relations, announced recently.

Of the 63 freshmen in the group, Miss Gustafson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson, 23230 Prospect, ranked twenty-sixth. Alumni scholarships are awarded to students in the upper third of their high school class who warrant scholarship aid and are continued through the four-year course if superior grades are maintained.

CHRISTMAS TREE BUSINESS REDUCED GREATLY

Now that the Christmas "Tree season" is over, Charles Foy states that it is interesting to check this short but important cash crop to land owners. Michigan trees that were checked showed 680,839 and out of state trees 91,819 making a grand total of 772,658 trees checked. This compared with 1943 when 1,597,243 trees were checked, shows that the people of the state had just a little bit more than half or what was inspected a year ago.

Very few trees were not sold, which was a splendid improvement over a year ago. C. A. Boyer, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry who is in charge of all tree inspection work, states that inspectors checked on 4,192 cars, trucks and trailers which was 1,500 less than the previous year. There were also 1,405 hunter's cars transporting Christmas trees and 46 railroad car shipments into Michigan and 38 Canadian truckloads.

Blue Star Mothers Meet on Thursday

The regular meeting of the Blue Star Mothers will be held Thursday, January 18. The new officers will be installed at this meeting.

Mrs. Elliot Coryell and baby daughter returned home Thursday from Pontiac General Hospital.

Hugh Schulkins Is Missing

Mrs. Melinda M. Schulkins of 24560 Floral Avenue, Pte. Hugh A. Schulkins, has been missing in action in France since December 19. Hugh served in the Infantry of the United States Army, entering the services on March 2, 1943, and has been overseas since September, 1944. He has a twin brother, Jim Schulkins, who is now in the Southwest Pacific area, and three other brothers, Bill stationed in Italy, Frank stationed in Texas, and Dick who is now located in Louisiana, all in the United States Army. Another brother, Chuck, is a rural mail carrier from the Farmington Post Office, and his sister, Mrs. Grace Corcoran, resides in Detroit.

Hugh's friends join his family in hoping that word of his safety is soon received.

VARIED PROGRAM PLANNED FOR PTA MEETING

The January meeting of the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association will be held next Tuesday evening, January 16, beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the High School Gymnasium.

High School Senior School parents, and students will sponsor the program, of which Mr. R. L. Wheeler, father vice-president, is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Charles S. Brown. A special invitation is extended to all teachers and parents in the consolidated school district to attend.

On the program will be a tumbling exhibition by the high school boys, a humorous dramatic reading by a representative of the senior speech class, and vocal and instrumental numbers by students of the music department.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the program, and a social hour will be enjoyed by all. You are cordially invited to attend this P.T.A. meeting, and join in the general good time.

LICENSE PLATES NOW ON SALE AT BLAKESLEE'S

1945 license plates are now on sale at the Farmington Branch of the Secretary of State's office, at the Blakeslee Chevrolet Sales.

Although the office does not look for any rush until the last week or two before the deadline, the wise motorist will get his license plates now, and avoid any confusion.

Frank Steele is convalescing at his home, following a serious illness.

JOHN THAYERS OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thayer were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening, January 9, at a dinner party held at Boisfort Park celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The centerpiece of golden chrysanthemums and carnations, as well as the dinner, were all in keeping with the Golden Anniversary. Mrs. Thayer wore a corsage of yellow rose buds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer were married January 9, 1895, at South Lyon, Michigan, and have spent their entire married life in Farmington, with the exception of one year. Mrs. Thayer was the former Elizabeth Davis.

Mr. Thayer has been prominent in village and county affairs for many years. In 1898 he was elected Oakland County Drain Commissioner, a position he held for two terms, and he was an employee in the Drain Commission office for 35 years. Mr. Thayer served as Justice of the Peace in Farmington for many years. "Judge" John Thayer is widely known throughout Oakland County.

Those present at the dinner besides the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thayer, Edward Thayer and William Pagel.

David Trombley Breaks Leg

David Trombley, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Trombley, 33345 Shawansee, is in Art Center Hospital on Woodward Avenue, Detroit, with a broken leg.

David was coasting on "Parker Hill" last Friday, about noon, with two little friends. One of the little boys came running home to his mother, to tell her that David had been hurt. It was found that he had broken his right leg, above the knee.

David is a second grade student at Farmington Schools, and all his classmates, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Plunton, have written him, telling how much they miss him, and hope his leg will mend "as good as new."

Commission Handles Routine Business

The regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Farmington was held Wednesday evening at the City Hall, with all commissioners present.

Routine business was taken care of, and a general discussion of City affairs followed.

GAME PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD BAND UNIFORMS

Members of Farmington High School Band have been discussing the type of new uniforms they would like to have, but as yet have not decided upon the kind they will buy with the money they are raising.

People will be interested to know that the proceeds of the basketball game between Farmington and Walled Lake will be given to the band to help pay for their new uniforms. Refreshments will be sold, and a dance will follow the game.

During the first week of February there will be a high school dance, sponsored by the Student Council. This dance will also increase the fund for band uniforms. It is hoped that the entire High School will support the affair by their attendance.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SOUGHT FOR COUNTY

Farm leaders throughout Oakland County are this week circulating petitions in an effort to secure the establishment of a soil conservation district in Oakland County. If 600 land owners in the county sign the petitions, it is planned to hold a referendum in April, with voting places to be established in each Township.

Michigan has 22 conservation districts, most of them of a County wide basis. The proposed area for the district in Oakland County is to include the unincorporated areas. The adoption of the district will permit farmers to receive assistance from the Federal Soil Conservation Service in making well conserving farm plans, strip cropping and contour farming plans.

The movement has the backing and support of the Oakland County Farm Bureau, the Pomona Grange, the Land Use Planning Committee, the Agricultural Conservation Program and the Extension Service.

Local people who have petitions are Ernest V. Blanchard, Isaac Bond, Don Bultion, Ward Bagley, Ray Marshall, William Hunt, Herman Grimmer and Mrs. John Spicer. In Nov. petitions are being circulated by Frank Clark, Ford S. Brooks, James Erwin, George Simmons, Bert Welfare, A. J. Heslop and Fred Balko, Jr.

W.S.C.S. Meeting Is Announced

The regular meeting of the W.S.C.S. will meet Monday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. James Layne.

Farmington State Bank Declares 100% Dividend



HOWARD M. WARNER
Chairman of Board

SANILAC COUNTY PARTY TO BE HELD IN DETROIT

On Saturday evening, January 20, 1945, the Sanilac County Association of Detroit will hold its 18th annual dancing party and reunion in the Crystal Ball Room of the Masonic Temple in Detroit. All present or former residents of Sanilac County and their friends are cordially invited. Dancing from 9:30 until 1:30.

The popular Max Gagle Orchestra will furnish the music. Al Meridith and Floyd Moore, floor managers, assure you of plenty of old-time dances mixed with the modern ones, so that old and young may dance to their heart's content.

A reception committee composed of one former resident from each township in Sanilac County will be at the door to greet visitors. Placards announcing the names of towns will be conspicuously posted, so that old friends may conveniently meet and live over again the days of old.

Door prizes and special prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$1.00 each, including tax, and may be purchased at the door, or from any officer or director of the Association. Sanilac County service men and women in uniform, and their ladies, admitted free.

You are cordially invited to come and once again enjoy an evening of good old Sanilac hospitality.

F. E. SEARLE IS WOMAN'S CLUB SPEAKER

The Farmington Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner on Grand River Avenue on Wednesday, January 2, with twenty members and four guests in attendance.

In the absence of Mrs. Bertha Steele, program chairman, Mrs. Zaida Wilbur introduced F. E. Searle, superintendent of Ford Trade School, who spoke on "Industrial Education" and gave a most interesting history of the school. He stressed the fact that students must learn to work with their hands in order to work with their brains.

A question and answer period followed Mr. Searle's talk.

STAR FEDERATION TO MEET AT REDFORD CHURCH

The Star Federation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold an Institute on Monday, January 15, at the Redford Free Methodist Church, Westbrook and Santa Clara Avenues, Redford, from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. For lunch dinner will be served at noon. Members of the Farmington Union are requested to bring a salad for passing.

"Spiritual Education" and "Christian Citizenship" are the two departments to be reported on at the forenoon's program.

E. V. Ayres To Speak At Bond Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bond Club will be held Monday, January 15. Mr. E. V. Ayres, Superintendent of Schools, Farmington, will speak on the consolidation of the school districts.

Deposits Increase Over \$1,000,000 During Past Year

The annual meeting and election of officers and directors of the Farmington State Bank was held Tuesday. That the bank has completed one of the most remarkable years of progress and growth is clearly demonstrated by a glance at assets of one year ago, and assets of today.

At the close of business on December 30, 1943, total assets of the Farmington State Bank were listed at \$3,334,186.77, while the assets at the close of business December 30, 1944, are \$4,355,753.88. This shows an increase of deposits for the year, amounting to \$1,021,000.

Officers elected at the annual meeting are Howard M. Warner, chairman of the board; Howard C. Knickerbocker, president; Floyd H. Nichols and Emory O. Hutton, vice-presidents; Byron E. Lapham, cashier; Harold W. Avery, Arvalie Tipper, and Dorothy M. Smith, assistant cashiers.

The directors are Howard M. Warner, Howard C. Knickerbocker, Floyd H. Nichols, Emory O. Hutton and Byron E. Lapham. The directors voted to increase Capital Common Stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000 by payment of 100 per cent dividend to stockholders. The common stock of the bank had a par value of \$25,000 at the time the bank opened for business in May, 1934, and this was increased to \$50,000 in 1938 when the bank paid a 100 per cent dividend to stockholders. Preferred stock of \$15,000 has been retired, so that all stock of the bank is now common stock.

Farmington State Bank now has eighteen employees, and in addition to rendering customary banking services, the bank provides many additional war-time services, such as issuing War Bonds and handling ration accounts. The management and staff are to be congratulated on the splendid service they render to the community. Best wishes for their continued success.

MISS MIDDAGH WILL LECTURE ON SUNDAY

A Christian Science Lecture is announced for Sunday, January 14th, 1945, at Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, corner Grand River Avenue and Evergreen Road, Detroit. The speaker will be Miss Florence Middagh of Los Angeles, California, who speaks with authority on the subject, as she is a member of the Board of Lecturers of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

Miss Middagh's subject will be "Christian Science: The Promised Comforter."

The public is invited to this lecture, which is free, and begins at three o'clock. For those who have not previously heard a Christian Science Lecture, seats will be reserved until 2:45.

POLYGRAPH TEST CONFIRMS SUICIDE CASE

The suicide of Mrs. Genevieve Weaver, who shot and killed herself in the basement of her home on Saturday afternoon, December 30, is closed, as far as local police authorities are concerned.

In order to remove any doubt in the case, Alvin Weaver, the dead woman's husband, took a polygraph test at Lansing on Monday, following the recommendation of Donald Noggin, Oakland County Prosecutor, to whom Mr. Weaver made a statement following the shooting. The results of this test confirmed the suicide.

FEATURE WRITER WILL SPEAK AT EXCHANGE

Exchange Club members held an open forum meeting on Wednesday of this week, in place of a regular program.

In the case, feature writer of the Pontiac Daily Press, associate of Dunn and Bradstreet, and serving on the local draft board, will speak at next week's meeting. It is hoped that all Exchangeites will attend.



YOUTHFUL AUDIENCE SEES "CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Farmington school children were privileged to enjoy a special treat during the holiday season. On December 22, the Friday morning before Christmas, all pupils of the grade schools, accompanied by their teachers, viewed the Civic Theatre where they enjoyed a special showing of the film, "Dickens Christmas Carol." There is probably not a child in

America who is not familiar with the beloved story of "Scrooge" and "Tiny Tim" but this was the first time the children had the pleasure of seeing these characters come to life. Undoubtedly many of the children's parents were just as enthusiastic for "Dickens Christmas Carol" is a story that never grows old, and this young audience will long remember the screen portrayal

at which they so greatly enjoyed. Miss Vera Dea, grade school principal, and E. V. Ayres, school superintendent in cooperation with the Farmington School Board and Associated Theatres, sponsored the showing of the film for the children.

This picture was taken just as the children left the theatre after the movie.