

Around The Block

OUR WISHES... for a Merry Christmas are accompanied by a host of good wishes for the New Year. May 1946 be



one of the best years that you have ever had, bringing you those things which you most want.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE... came down in an awful hurry, and much sooner than expected. Last Sunday afternoon, it was no wonder, the rate at which that cold wind was blowing. However the Detroit Edison Company came to the rescue and in no time at all, the tree was back up, and is now securely wired to the theatre's main supply. Incidentally, we have ever fully appreciated the services of the Edison Company. It seems as though whenever there's some trouble, the first thought is to call the Edison... and presto, they're on the spot and the trouble remedied. (No charge for the plug, fellows).

THE PARTY... which the Blue Star Mothers gave for children of Farmington's servicemen at the Town Hall West Sunday afternoon, was one of the nicest parties we've heard about in some time. The Mothers secured a list of all children, and their ages, and each child received a gift, especially purchased for them. Just the right thing! Not only that, but the kids had a swell time. We're very sure that the fathers of these children greatly appreciate the fact that the Blue Star Mothers remembered them in this way - and so do all the rest of the people in Farmington.

THE COP ON THE CORNER... "Bill" Carpenter by name - who has been doing such a splendid job, is appreciated more and more at least by some of our ex-gangster residents who played the role of newboy in the Goodfellow Paper Sale last Saturday. They probably had thought that "Bill" might have a rather unpleasant job standing out on cold days, but who was not until they got a taste of it themselves that they fully realized just what a tough job it is.

ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS... has come to Farmington. The Radio Repair shop is located in the building formerly used by Dr. Electric. Just north of the Enterprise office. There you will find Dick Ellis and Jack Hallam, recently returned from service, ready to repair your radio. They have it a typewriter, a camera, a washing machine or some other appliance about your house. They will pick it up and bring it back when it has been repaired. If you wish.

THE MAIDS... are packed these days with the Christmas greetings and packages. Postal employees must certainly feel that a good deal of the joy of the season passes them by, for by the time they get the Christmas mail out, so let's wish all the post office employees a Merry, Merry Christmas, and let them know we really appreciate their efforts.

HOW WE DISLIKE... the time of the fire siren - at any time - but most of all these cold, winter days, when we know it must mean an overheated chimney, or heating stove. Can't imagine anything worse than being "bumped out" in weather like this, and so close to the holidays. It would be wise for all of us to use a little extra precaution and see that we cause no fire by our carelessness.

THE WINDOWS... in the homes of Farmington look positively beautiful at this time of the year, as one sees the gaily lighted and decorated Christmas trees and wreaths; it peeps one up just to take a walk about town.

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Many See Choir Festival Most Impressive Finale Staged

One hundred fifty candles light the choir's way to a beautiful Christmas Choir Festival, presented last Sunday evening at the High School Auditorium.

The Methodist, Baptist, and Evangelical churches, Farmington's Chorus, the Boys' and Girls' Glee Club took part. Each group participated in the impressive program by singing special selections as follows: "Sanctus" from St. Cecilia Mass and "Gesu Bambino" by the Methodist choir; "The Christmas Morn," "There Were Shepherds," the Evangelical Church Choir; and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," Farmington Men's Chorus. A very lovely part of the program was Mr. Juhnke's violin solo which was a part of the Methodist Church Choir's selection "Christmas Morn."

The entire program was under the able direction of Phyllis Gardner. The choir directors were as follows: Phyllis Gardner, Men's Chorus and Girls' Glee Club; Ruth Hick Hammond, Evangelical Church; Clarence Juhnke, Methodist Church; Eleanor Seaburg, Baptist Church and Lloyd Smith, Boys' Glee Club.

The solos were sung by Ival Anderson, Grace Cowling, Mary June Ebersole and Peggy Prisk; the accompanists were Sylvia Anderson, Marjorie Burdick and Eileen Whitehead. The final number of the program, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah" was sung by the entire chorus.

The Girls' Glee Club lighted the way for the recessional with their candles and, mounted the stairs on each side of the balcony, the light from their candles creating a glow over the entire auditorium. From this position, the girls sang "Silent Night." At the end of each phrase, a single white candle blew out their candles until the auditorium was enveloped in complete darkness. The stage curtains were drawn aside revealing a star which shone brightly.

Falcons Win From Holly

The Falcons of Farmington High School journeyed to Holly, Tuesday, December 18, for two games against Holly High School. In the first game of the evening, the Junior Varsity of Farmington easily led by Junior Nichols, with 18 points, Junior Fend with 9 points and George Isley with 8 points, defeated the reserves of Holly by a 45 to 20 count. The Junior squad was without the services of their regular guards, Jerry Fisher and John Greco, due to illness.

In the varsity game, Farmington was without the service of their starting center, Alvin Garchow, and reserve forward, Robert McLean. Bill Conroy was lost early in the game by injury. Holly got off to a fast start, scoring on the tipoff. But from then on it was all Farmington. The first quarter ended 13 to 7; the second 24 to 12; the third 35 to 14 and the final score was 48 to 23 in favor of the Falcons.

In the scoring Farmington was led by Bob Miller who shifted from guard to center, and scored 16 points. He was followed by Dave Carley with 11 points. The Holly game was Farmington's third league victory, and the fourth victory of the season, without a single defeat.

Paper Sale Nets \$677.70

Farmington Goodfellows braved the winter winds on Saturday to "peddle their papers," for a total of \$677.70, which has been added to the Goodfellow Fund.

Several names have been turned in of families who desire Goodfellow baskets at Christmas time. These have all been taken care of and the families will be remembered.

If you know of some family who should be remembered, notify either Judge John J. Schulte, Jr. or Floyd Nichols immediately, so that there is still time to get a basket ready.

It is thought that, there would be more families to take care of this year, inasmuch as the strike situation so greatly affects this area, and there are still many who are in need. However, comparatively few names have been added to the list.

The Goodfellows wish to thank the people of Farmington for the splendid response to the annual Goodfellow Drive.

WATCH FOR MAIL THIEVES AND FORGERS

Chief of Police DeVriendt announced that the United States Secret Service at Detroit again warns persons in this vicinity to be watchful for mail thieves and forgers, especially during the irrefragable season.

Who checks are stolen and forged it causes many hardships for those for whom the checks were intended. It sometimes takes months to get a duplicate check because of the time required to replace the stolen ones. Those who accept checks bearing forged endorsements lose the amounts of the checks involved.

Chief DeVriendt and the Secret Service urge that the following rules be observed:

1. Have a good, deep mail box. KEEP IT LOCKED.
2. Print your name clearly on your mail box.
3. If you move - report change of address to your post office and the agency by whom your checks are issued.
4. Never endorse a check until you are actually in the presence of the person who will cash it.
5. Cash your check at the same place each month. Cash it your cash checks - it encourages juvenile delinquency.
6. Always be prepared to present proper identification when cashing checks.
7. Notify issuing agency immediately if checks are not received when due.

To Those Who Cash Checks

1. KNOW YOUR ENDORSEER. Insist upon proper identification before you cash a check. Ask your Cashier DeVriendt: "If this check is returned, can I find the person who gave it to me?"
2. Never cash a check already endorsed without having it endorsed again in your presence.
3. Require employees who cash checks to initial them; also to write down on the check the type and serial number of identification presented.

Do not sign, pin, fold or mutilate allowances and a salt-and-pepper check or any card type check. Chief DeVriendt points out that unopened mail boxes are easily accessible to professional mail thieves, and a temptation to juveniles. When bankers and business people cash these checks on forged endorsements they aid the criminal and contribute to the delinquency of juveniles. Hardships and losses can be avoided and our juveniles kept out of trouble if these few simple rules are carefully observed.

Township Taxes Are Now Payable

Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, is now at the Township offices in the Farmington T-own Hall, collecting taxes. The office is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday until noon.

GYMNASIUM WILL BE OPEN FOR FREE PLAY

The Farmington High School gymnasium will be closed from Friday evening, December 21, until Wednesday, December 26, in order that the floor may be conditioned, and the lines repainted for the coming winter basketball season.

The gymnasium will be open, however, during the holiday vacation period, on December 26, 27, 28, 29 and 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Boys are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy free play.

Younger boys should come in the forenoon and older boys in the afternoon. Mr. Maatila and Mr. Hutton will supervise these gym periods.

Party Plans Completed

Children from the Children's Hospital and Convalescent Home will be the guests of the Farmington Kiwanis Club and the Civic Theatre at a Christmas Party Friday morning. Arrangements have been made to provide transportation to the theatre, and back to the hospital after the party.

The children will enjoy a special showing of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and other film entertainment, and the Kiwanis will present each boy and girl with a bag of Christmas fruit and goodies.

A party for all the children of Farmington and vicinity will be given on Saturday afternoon at the theatre. The party will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will include a showing of "Christmas Carol" and several cartoons and short subject attractions. Each child will receive some Christmas remembrance, and all will have a happy afternoon.

MRS. W. WARNER DIES AT HOME IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Minerva Pierson Warner, wife of William Warner, died at her home in Spokane, Washington, the first week in December.

Mrs. Warner was the daughter of the late Lorenzo and Addie Pierson, and was born and spent her girlhood days, on the Pierson Farm, which is now West Point Park.

Mrs. Warner is survived by her husband and one niece, Mrs. Tessa Pierson Baker, of Plymouth, Michigan.

MRS. ADA BOND HONORED BY O.E.S. CHAPTER

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, Order of the Eastern Star, for initiation of candidates was held Tuesday evening, December 18, at 8:00 o'clock. Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. A life membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Ada Bond. She was also honored for having served 25 years as secretary of the Chapter.

Beautiful gifts were presented to Mrs. Bond from the Chapter and from her family.

MACCABEES PLAN CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Liberty Tent Five, Macabees, of Farmington, will hold their annual Christmas dinner party at the Farmington High School cafeteria on Thursday, December 27, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will be followed by an exchange of gifts and entertainment.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Anyone desiring further information may call Farmington 9225.

Fire Destroys Packing Plant

One of the worst fires to occur in this vicinity in some time was that of Wednesday afternoon at the Buffmeyer Packing Plant at Walled Lake. The fire was discovered at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the back of the plant near the men's locker room, which is located directly over the boiler room.

Unfortunately the wires to the water pumps had been cut by some service men who did not detect the wiring system, and the firemen were unable to get any water from the water pumps. Firemen were able to do very little to put out the blaze although the departments from Novi, Walled Lake, Milford and West Bloomfield were called to the fire.

Glenn Buffmeyer, owner of the plant, estimated the damage at approximately \$75,000.

Residents of this community will feel the loss of the packing plant, for it was used by most of the farmers for packing their meat.

Glenn Buffmeyer stated that the locker plant was saved, and the meat in the lockers is all right.

CONSUMERS POWER TO REDUCE DECEMBER BILLS

Consumers Power Company will comply with the Michigan Public Service Commission's order that December bills be reduced 20 percent. Dan E. Karn, vice president and general manager, announced today.

The Commission's order directs to the Company's electric, gas and steam heating customers \$1,000,000, the major portion of which otherwise would go to the Federal Treasury in "excess profits" taxes.

"Except in a strictly technical sense, Consumers Power Company has no excess profits," Mr. Karn said. "The Company's net income after taxes is lower now than it was before the war despite the fact that our volume of business has grown tremendously since the war."

"The excess profits" tax could more properly be called a war tax. It is not levied on excessive profits but on the Company's taxable income in excess of the average for the years 1935-39, when our business was much smaller than it is today. On that basis, we would be liable for this \$1,000,000 of taxes if we did not distribute it to our customers as ordered by the Public Service Commission.

Every customer's December bill for electricity, gas or steam heating service will be figured in the regular way, Mr. Karn said, and 20 per cent reduction will then be made and noted on the bill.

PARTIES PLANNED TO MARK THE HOLIDAYS

Students of Farmington High School will present their Christmas program at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 21. All pupils should report to fifth hour classes.

The annual New Year's party for the latter half of the month will be held at the high school gymnasium. All students are invited to attend and see the "New Year In."

Farmington Churches Plan Many Christmas Services

School Vacation Ends January 2

Schools of the Farmington Township School District will close early Friday afternoon for Christmas vacation with all buses running on a schedule one hour earlier than the regular schedule. School will resume again Wednesday, January 2.

Several Fires Are Reported

The Farmington Fire Department has been called to answer several alarms during the past week. Though none of the fires resulted in serious damage, the fire on Tuesday evening might have been very bad indeed. This fire was at the Wall Chemical Company on Grand River, west of Ten Mile Road, and was in one of the chemical bins. It was feared for a time that an explosion might occur, but the fire was extinguished without any serious damage.

On December 15 approximately \$200 damage was caused by a fire at the Hobbs residence on Orchard Lake Road, and on December 16, the department put out a blaze at a house on Lynden Lane. Residents are asked to please be careful during this cold weather, and see that stoves and furnaces do not become overheated. It would be a good idea, too, to check the chimney and make sure that it is in good condition.

MALE CHORUS WILL PRESENT CONCERT

The Farmington Male Chorus is preparing now to present a concert on Wednesday, January 30. Committees have been appointed, and the men are practicing on the concert numbers.

The concert committee is composed of Lloyd Smith, chairman; Stanley Stone and V. O. Bates, and the music committee consists of Ival Anderson, chairman; Phyllis Gardner, conductor and Mrs. Ival Anderson, president and Rev. A. Stanley Stone, secretary and treasurer.

WARD EAGLE ATTENDS FARM CONVENTION

One of the important events of the year is the 28th Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, December 18 through 21, at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, which will be attended by Mrs. Slickney of Clarkston, Ward Eagle, delegate of Farmington, and Howard Chanter, poll call manager, of Davidsburg.

Highlights of the meeting at Chicago will include addresses by Clinton P. Anderson, secretary of agriculture; Lister Hill, U.S. Senator from Alabama; John W. Flanagan, Jr., Congressman from Virginia; Paul C. Hoffman, chairman, committee for economic development and president of Studebaker Corporation, and Will Claborn, assistant secretary of the U.S. State Department.

"DOC" GROSVENOR ASSOCIATED WITH WINTER'S

Earl B. Grosvenor, more familiarly known to the people of Farmington as "Doc," has announced his association with Winter Appliance Co., Inc., located at 33325 Seven Mile Road, at Farmington.

Mr. Grosvenor is well prepared to take over his new duties at the appliance company, after the many years he spent with the Detroit Edison Company. He invites his friends to stop in and inspect the complete line of electrical units and appliances now on display at Winter's. He will be glad to help you.

Candle Light And Communion Services Planned

The churches of Farmington have planned a series of Christmas season with many appropriate services. Residents of Farmington will have ample opportunity to attend special Christmas services this year, for they have many to choose from.

At the Methodist Church, the Sunday School pupils, with their teachers, parents and friends, have already enjoyed their Christmas program. The Sunday School auditorium was crowded last Sunday afternoon for the affair. The kindergarten and primary departments very beautifully dramatized the first Christmas at Bethlehem. The Christ-Child was much in evidence. Santa Claus did not appear in person, but he was present in spirit. The tree, gaily trimmed and lighted, was surrounded with gifts which were given and exchanged, and with images of the Holy Family for the kindergarten and primary pupils. The images were hand-painted by some of our local artists. Later all went to the dining-room and enjoyed ice cream and cookies, provided and served by the high school class.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held their annual Christmas party in the Church dining-room on Thursday. After a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., the ladies enjoyed a program and exchange of Christmas gifts.

At the Christmas service at the Methodist Church on Sunday, December 23, at 11:00 a.m., the choir will sing a number of Christmas anthems. The service will be presented the fourth of a series of Advent, Reason sermons, the subject being, "There's A Baby's Low Cry." Christmas decorations are being arranged by Edith Parker, Betty Winters and Leonard Stone.

The Christmas Cantata, entitled "The Heavenly Child" by Bernard Hamilton, will be presented at the Methodist Church by the choir on Sunday evening, December 23, in commencement at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Clarence Johnson will direct the Cantata, and Mrs. Muriel Burdick will be at the organ. The Cantata includes many beautiful Christmas numbers, both for the choir and solo work. Singing the solo numbers and special selections in the Cantata are June McNeil, soprano; Edith Parker, soprano; Esther Stone; and A. Stanley Stone, baritone; Ival Anderson, tenor; Roy D. Jones tenor; Maurice Wilcox, bass, and Marion Humphreys alto. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear this fine musical program.

First Baptist

The pastor's annual Christmas message will be delivered by the Rev. Fred B. Fisher at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, December 23, at 10:30 a.m. The choir will feature a special Christmas anthem. The evening service at 7:30 p.m. will be devoted to Christmas anthems and other special seasonal music. Anthems to be delivered by the choir include George's "The Host of Heavens" and "Gloria in Excelsis deo in the 'Hallelujah' by Pergolesi. In the singing of Simpson's "Once in Royal David's City," the senior choir will be assisted by the junior choir.

Neidingers' "The Birth of a King" will feature Rev. Fisher as soloist. Special music features will include Yop's "Jesu Bambino" sung by Marjorie Sturman and Handel's "He Shall Feed His Flock."

In the place of an evening sermon, Rev. Fisher will deliver "The Massacre of the Innocents" by Van Dyke. The public is cordially invited to this evening Christmas Festival.

The First Baptist Church will conduct their annual Watch Night program beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31. The evening will feature games and social events for every age. A series of moving pictures, tasty refreshments and a midnight

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