

CHRISTMAS TREES...

are beginning to appear not only in vacant lots but also in window boxes about town. Not many have actually put in an appearance in Farmington, however, but there are several to be seen about town in the windows of business places and offices. And there for all to see -- and enjoy -- is a real community Christmas tree again, for the large pine tree in the Farmington Town Hall area is lighted this year. It has been a matter of quite a few years since this tree was lighted to stand as a symbol of the Christmas spirit of the community. The tree was lighted by a most sincere "thank you" to the Jaycees who considered this a project, and set about to see that the tree was lighted. It must have been quite a job, getting the lights away to the top of the tree -- but their efforts are surely appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC...

is not to be forgotten either, and the beloved, familiar Christmas carols will soon be floating over the city from the tower at Salem Church. Incidentally if there is some particular carol that you would like to hear at a certain hour, just call Rev. Carl Schulte and express your desire. He will see to it that the carol is played for you at the hour, and on the evening specified. Not only do we get the music as we like it -- but when we like it!

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT...

has certainly taken hold of the folks in our community -- the success of the Goodfellow Paper Drive stands as mute testimony to that fact. We often think we know everybody when we live in a small city such as ours -- and we do not realize that there are those among us who not only need, but deserve, a helping hand. It sometimes takes some things like the Goodfellow Paper Drive to make us realize that we are as fortunate as we are. Last year the Goodfellow Drive had 73 orders for food and clothing -- how many will be issued this year is not yet known, but doesn't that number come as something of a surprise? It did to us. And we have had several instances come to our attention during the past couple of weeks, of families where the children did not have shoes and clothing enough to allow them to attend school. Your generosity and response to the Goodfellow Drive will make Christmas for these folks a great deal merrier -- and your's will too, just because there can be no real Christmas for any of us unless our joy is shared with others.

SOME VERY LOVELY...

special Christmas programs have been planned in our churches for this week end, and the days preceding Christmas. You will find several announcements relative to this in this issue of The Enterprise. Whether you are a member of the church or not, you are most welcome at all of them.

THE MAILS...

are packed to overflowing these days -- a mere glimpse of the Farmington Post Office is all one needs to ascertain that. Farmington City and Township residents found other mail -- of a different sort -- mingled in with the Christmas greetings this week, for both City and Township tax statements went into the mails.

NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED...

is the Yuletide season, is the family pet. In most families where there is a dog one will find a new toy -- or a bone -- or perhaps a new collar tucked underneath the tree, for "Fido". One of the very best gifts you could provide your pet with is his new license. They are on sale now and city residents may secure theirs from the City Treasurer, Mrs. Avis Jamison. The new dog license tags are very tricky -- cut out in the shape of a dog's head! All dogs must be licensed, so don't put it off too long.

THAT FRATEL TIME...

of the year when father has to get out all the account books and ponder over them for long hours at a time, figuring the income tax, is near at hand. If you are looking for a "little deduction" -- and we do not mean a new addition to the family -- how about the City Scouts? You know our City Scout organization is no longer supported through Community Chest, and finances to carry on the activities of the group, must be provided locally. What better time to show them your support by a contribution, than right now, at this holiday season? Our local commissioner, Mrs. Warren Joy, or financial secretary, Mrs. Guy Dugan, will be glad to answer questions you might have, and if you are planning a contribution, just drop it in the mail. Mrs. Dugan. The poor postman is already overburdened, so he won't mind another letter or two.

A VERITABLE WONDERLAND...

greeted Farmington folks Tuesday morning, who awoke to find a blanket of snow had descended during the night. All the trees and shrubs had taken on a coat of gleaming white, and the landscape was one of great beauty. Even those who admittedly do not like winter weather and snow, had to admit that it was beautiful. And the younger generation -- well, there are no words to express their delight. Father might have attached a few explosives if he happened to be one of those unlucky individuals who had the idea of getting out of the gates and headed in the right direction to proceed to work. After all, this is December -- and this is Michigan!

Three Injured In U.S. 16 Crash

Three men were painfully injured early Monday evening in a two car traffic accident on Grand River Avenue, west of 10 Mile Road in Novi Township, police officials reported this week. The accident occurred at approximately 7:15 Monday evening at the height of a heavy snow storm. The car was traveling south on Grand River Avenue, and the high way was very slippery. Thomas H. Plozman, 229 E. Second Street, Detroit, Michigan, driver of one of the cars, was treated for cuts about the forehead. Carl Chabot, 108 1/2 N. Washington Street, Owosso, Michigan, a passenger with Plozman, suffered possible internal injuries. Anthony Mable, 2644 1/2 Ross Drive, Detroit, Michigan, driver of the second car, was treated for cuts and eye contusions. All three men were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.



MORE WEEK TIL XMAS

AAA COMMITTEE BALLOTS MAILED TO COUNTY FARMERS

A total of 1200 farmers in Oakland County were mailed ballots for the county AAA office, 220 Hubbard Building, Pontiac 15, on or before Wednesday, December 24, in order to be counted by the impartial election board on December 28. The ballots contain the names of candidates for positions on the various community AAA committees as well as the names of candidates for the position of delegates and alternate delegates to the county AAA convention to be held in Pontiac on December 30, at which the county AAA committee for 1948 will be elected by the delegates from each township. Candidates for the various positions mentioned above were selected at a series of nomination meetings held during the past two weeks throughout the county. The ballots, which may be returned to the county AAA office, either by mail or in person, will be counted in the county office under the supervision of a non-partisan election board consisting of the following members: Fred Beckman, Sec.

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Goodfellows Net Almost \$1,000 On Annual Drive

Christmas Orders Will Be Distributed

Once again a splendid response was given to the annual Farmington Goodfellows paper sale. Beginning at nine o'clock last Saturday morning, merchants and business men of Farmington were about the streets selling packages to shoppers and motorists alike. Goodfellows also covered the intersection at Eight Mile Road and Grand River, and the main corner in Novi. A total of \$799.00 was realized from this paper sale alone. This sum has been increased by contributions from individuals and organizations, \$100.00 having been contributed by the Farmington Township Board. Several traffic offenders have contributed to the fund, also, as sentence was waived providing a substantial contribution to the Goodfellow fund. It is expected that by the time all contributions are in, the total will be approximately \$1,000.

Already several families have been reported to the Goodfellows to receive assistance this Christmas time, and other names are coming in every day. If you know of some family who deserves some help, and who is in need of food and clothing, please contact John J. Schulte, Jr., Floyd Nichols or Dr. G. F. Weaver at once. Such arrangements can be made to provide them with an order for Christmas.

The Goodfellow fund was further swelled by the proceeds of a special Food Show at the Civic Theatre Thursday afternoon. The price of admission to the matinee, which was held at 3:00 p.m., was a contribution of some canned goods to needy families. A large number of children and adults attended the show, and contributed to the Goodfellows in this way. Food and clothing orders were issued to needy families this year, rather than distributing baskets, since each family will then be able to secure the items they are most in need of, and there will be no duplication. They will be sure to get the correct size and fit. The orders will be in the mail, and may be filled whenever needed.

CAB DRIVER HELD UP BY ARMED COUPLE

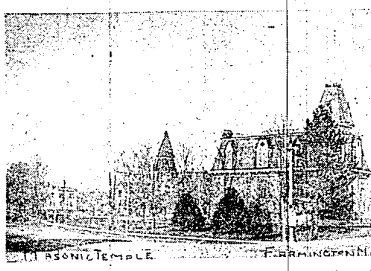
A hold-up was reported to Farmington police last week by Allan Strand, a driver for the Farmington City Cab Company. Strand picked up two men at the West end of the Farmington Out-Off last Thursday evening, shortly before 10:00 p.m. While driving East on Six Mile Road one of the men pulled a gun on him and he crawled over into the front seat, taking from Strand what money he had on him. The holdup occurred in Detroit, near Second and Secor. Strand returned to Farmington before reporting the hold-up to police. A good description of the two men has been secured, and police are now seeking suspects.

The family of Edgar Howard is rejoicing to have him home after being in Henry Ford Hospital since November 9. He underwent an operation which the doctors say will restore him back to good health, after many years of illness.

Play Safe For A Merry Christmas

Make it a happy Christmas by making it a safe Christmas by the Farmington Police Department. Most important of all in this Christmas safety problem, is careful driving and walking. Don't take chances on the streets and highways. They are very slippery and hard to see. Don't drink and drive. Keep your speed down, observe the rules of the road and don't get careless. Even though the main highways may seem clear of snow and ice they are still dangerous in spots. All of the side roads in the City and Township are still covered with a heavy coating of ice and snow. Conditions are such that the cold weather will continue through the week and possibly into next week. This means that these roads will probably continue to be dangerous. Police officials warn motorists to be watchful for pedestrians on the crowded city streets. Many of these shoppers will have large packages in their arms and they will be a burden. A driver's alertness may save a life. Pedestrians are urged to walk carefully. Be sure you have a clear street before you cross. Don't step from the sidewalk into the path of a moving vehicle. Every Christmas fires also take their toll in lives and property damage. Nothing can be more tragic than the height of the happiest season of the year. Be especially careful this Christmas. Check your Christmas lights for broken wires and frayed insulation. Keep any open fire away from your Christmas tree. The slightest spark in an inflammable tree and its decorations may be in an instant cause a fire that can destroy your home. A little care can insure you and your neighbors a real Christmas.

Original Masonic Temple Pictured



This is one of several old pictures which were recently made available to The Enterprise through the courtesy of Arthur Lamb. Pictured here is the Masonic Temple, or Farmington Town Hall, as it looked many years ago -- before Grand River became the busy highway that it is today. The date of this picture is not known, but it was taken before any wings were added to the old landmark. In the background one can see the Salem Church and the buildings there at the time, and also the position of Grand River, which was just an ordinary little dirt road. Other pictures will appear in The Enterprise in the near future.

Farmington Quartet Defeats Two Opponents To Break Into Win Column

Farmington High School's basketball team broke into the win column during the past week on their own floor when they downed Northville last Friday night 33 to 22 and tripped East Detroit Tuesday night 34 to 29.

The Falcons jumped right off in the Northville game to take an early lead, which they were able to hold throughout the contest. Farmington made their credit while Junior Nichols was second with 12 points to the Mustangs 4. They kept up the fast pace in the second period, scoring 11 points to Northville's 8. The game ended Farmington's 12-12 Northville 12.

In the last half the game settled down to an even match with both teams being credited with 10 points each. The Falcon's early lead was good enough to win as they broke even in the last two periods. The final score was Farmington 33 - Northville 22. Ernie Tyler was high point man for the Falcons with 12 points to his credit, while Junior Nichols was second with seven points for the winners. Pierce and Stalker lead the Northville five with six points each.

Farmington won their second game of the year staged by the Junior Auxiliary, East Detroit 34 to 29 in a non-league game. The Falcons were the first to score and never dropped behind. Although the game started out slow, the Falcons began to outscore the Mustangs in the second period, scoring 10 points to Detroit's 4. The second period did not see too much scoring, although Farmington was able to rally for a 10-4 lead while holding East Detroit to only 3.

East Detroit outscored the Farmington five in the third period but were unable to overcome the big Falcon lead. The score at the end of the third period was Farmington 20 - East Detroit 13. The final period was marked by a strong offensive action by both teams. Farmington led 20-13 at the end of the third period, but East Detroit rallied to 16 points to the Falcon's 14. However, Farmington's early lead paid off.

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Trojan Cagers Mark Up First Win

A strong last period surge gave Farmington's Trojan basketball team their first victory of the season Tuesday afternoon as they downed Dearborn's Roosevelt High school quintet 23 to 14 on the Dearborn five's home floor.

The Trojans have lost two and won one thus far this season. They have been defeated by Walled Lake and Inkster. All of Clarenceville's basketball games are being played away this year.

Clarenceville went on the offensive with the opening jump off, taking Dearborn Roosevelt by surprise. Before the host could get rolling, the first period ended with Clarenceville in the lead 9 to 2.

However, the second period was different with Dearborn taking the ball and making their baskets count. Clarenceville was able to score only one point during the entire period while Dearborn was credited with six points. The final score was Clarenceville 10 - Dearborn Roosevelt 8.

Both teams held their own in the third period, with Clarenceville holding the upper hand. Each scored four points during the period. The first half ended with the score stood Clarenceville 14 - Dearborn Roosevelt 12.

Clarenceville began to really click as the game moved into the final minutes. The Trojans made a substantial lead as they dropped one after the other through the basket, while holding Dearborn. Clarenceville counted for 9 points in the final period while Dearborn could only squeak in 2 points. The final score Clarenceville 23 - Dearborn Roosevelt 14.

Chuck Rousseau was high point man for the Trojans with 13 points. Six men saw action during the contest for Clarenceville.

Clarenceville's Reserves swapped Dearborn's Reserve team 39 to 15 in the pre-game contest. Bob Riggs was high point man for Clarenceville with 19 points and Bob Stockwell was second with 10 points.

Two Fires Cause Minor Damage

Two fires were reported in the Farmington area during the past week. The first was a fire in a station wagon. The fire was reported to have started when a hose connection from the radiator broke loose and sprayed alcohol over the engine. The fire was extinguished by the time the fire was reported. Fortunately the station wagon was sitting outside of the garage.

Damage to the vehicle was confined to the motor. The station wagon was owned by Clarence Bickling, proprietor of Spring Brook Gardens. A second fire was reported at the home of Mr. S. Mago, 2118 Jefferson Street, Clarenceville. The cause of the fire was reported to be an overheated stove. Although no one was home at the time, neighbors and friends succeeded in controlling the fire until the fire department got there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp and baby, Evelyn, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rubritus.

Post Office Knee Deep in Christmas

Farmington post office employees are knee deep, yet even waist deep in Christmas mail. The Christmas rush of mail and packages and prospects are that it will get even deeper before old Kris Kringle slides down the family chimney.

According to Postmaster Norman C. Lee, this Christmas will see a new record in mail handled by the Farmington post office. Already it is heavier than ever before and there is still the last minute rush that always comes the last week before Christmas. Lee stated, however, that this year's mail has been heavier in much more than the volume of mail we have been receiving up until now, the postmaster added. "This cooperation is deeply appreciated, and it will do much to speed the handling of our Christmas mail."

All fulltime and temporary Farmington Post Office employees are on the job and every effort is being made to move the flood of last minute mail and packages as soon as possible. A total of 14 temporary employees are now assisting in the handling of mail and three more will come in next week. This in addition to the regular staff of employees.

Postmaster Lee stated that up to now Wednesday 157,000 cent and 8-cent stamps had been sold from the Farmington Post Office and 60,000 3 cent stamps. All of these stamps have been sold since the Christmas mailing began.

Cooperation in trapping packages properly will save a great deal of time and trouble. Lee emphasized. He also warned again that envelopes of third class mail may not be sealed. This means that they can be held and opened or closed with Christmas seals, although Christmas seals may be placed on the back of the envelope. Only cards sent first class may be sealed with Christmas seals. Christmas notes may be put on parcel post packages and on regular mail.

Residents Seek Information Regarding Township Water Bond Suit

TWO DAYS EARLY

The Christmas issue of the Farmington Enterprise will be published Tuesday, December 23, in order that all our subscribers will receive their copy before Christmas. All news and display advertising copy must be in by Monday noon to insure publication. The Classified advertising deadline will be Monday at 5:00 p.m. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Youth Center Gains Support

The prospects for a Youth Center for Farmington became much brighter this week as both The Town Club and the Farmington Parent Teachers Association agreed to give their support to the project. Mrs. Roy Rudberg, speaking before each of the organizations, explained the movement, briefly outlining the type of a center that is wanted and the place it would fill in the community. At first proposed as a "Teen Canteen", the idea has now developed that it would be more practical and desirable to have a center that would serve all the youth of Farmington, rather than just the teen age group. Mrs. Rudberg addressed The Town Club on Monday evening, and that group voted to give their support. Mrs. Helen Bonner was named as their representative to serve on the youth center committee.

The support of the Parent Teachers Association was given on Wednesday evening after Mrs. Rudberg had addressed the group and the project was discussed. They will name their representatives to the committee.

Other organizations of the community have been contacted on their regular meeting nights, and as soon as all have been approached, each group supporting the youth center will name one of their members to represent them on a committee, which will serve as a Board of Trustees and government committee.

V.F.W. AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Farmington Post 4033 wish to announce the thirteenth annual essay contest. The contest will be open to all local youth, and will sponsor locally. The subject chosen for this year is "Human Rights -- The Key to World Peace."

Prizes which will be awarded to local winners are \$5.00 for first, \$3.00 for second and \$2.00 for third place. An Ernie Plaque will be awarded to the school with the winning contestant.

Winners in the local contest will have their entries submitted to the State where there is a \$50.00 first prize, \$30.00 second prize and \$20.00 third prize. The National first prize is \$1,000.

All entries must be in by April 1 for local judging.

Further details will appear in the Enterprise.

Jaycees Decorate Town Park Christmas Tree

The giant pine tree in the Farmington Town Park was lighted with Christmas tree lights last Monday evening for the first time in a number of years by members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lights were secured from the City and put up in the tree over the week end and a committee of Jaycees. The tree was officially lighted Monday evening.

The tree will be lighted every night from now until after the Christmas Holidays. Chairman of the project is Kenneth Chappell. He was assisted by Mike Mihay, Roy Erdmann, and Bob Metz.

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