

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Around The Block

A FRIEND IN NEED... Nobody knows that better than Bill Van Alstine is a friend indeed! Nobody knows that better than his very best friends are the Farmington Police, for they proved to be that "friend in need" last Friday afternoon. The Van Alstine's baby was very sick and not expected to live. They called upon the Farmington Police to make the emergency run to Mt. Carmel Hospital in a desperate attempt to save the baby's life. The police responded, and driving about 50 miles per hour they rushed the infant to the hospital. Their efforts were not in vain, for the report is: The baby will live!

SANTA CLAUS... There is no myth to the employees of Western Tool and Die Company. They know that there is a Santa Claus — in the person of the Lundberg brothers who operate the company. All Western Tool employees were granted a bonus as a Christmas gift from the Lundbergs, ranging all the way from one to two weeks' pay — and if that isn't being Santa Claus, we'd like to know it!

DAILY DECKED... Not only do we have a community for the holiday season in our city. Not only do we have a community Christmas tree in the Town Hall park for the first time in several years — but we also have other decorations added this week. Three strings of colored lights extend across Grand River Avenue in the business section, and there is a large lighted tree in front of the Civic Theatre. In the lobby there is another tree, and a fireplace as well. Down at the City Hall one will find very lovely Christmas trees, large enough to satisfy anyone's desire. It seems almost a shame to not grow them. Also there are small trees placed about all over town, and most of the stores and business offices have a tree of their own. There is no doubt about it — Christmas has really come to Farmington!

THE YOUNGSTERS... And the grownups alike just can't resist that window display in the Farmington State Bank. The display is one of the most attractive we've ever seen, and it shows Santa Claus at work in his shop, with all the little elves helping him out. It's a lot of fun just to see the youngsters look at it. They will stand there with a rather puzzled expression on their face, and all of a sudden they will start to laugh. Of course you will do just exactly the same thing, too, so it is not just the youngsters. Anyway, our compliments to the Farmington State Bank on a most attractive and timely display.

THE NEXT FEW DAYS... The most dangerous days of the year! Statistics have proven that the next few days are the most dangerous of the year. They can be some of the happiest days in the year for your family, too — providing they are safe days. You can make them so by practicing care. Be extra careful when you are driving, and be careful about your home, too. As lovely as a Christmas tree is, and as much as we enjoy it, it is a fire hazard if proper precautions are not taken. Don't let any accidents mar this holiday season because you forgot — because you were careless.

THE RUSH OF MAIL... This week brought not only countless Christmas greetings from old and new friends — but it brought the pictures of Farmington's younger generation, for which we have been waiting these many weeks. That's right — they are here, and they are now in the hands of the photo engraver. We expect that they will be back here in time to publish a portion of them in next week's Enterprise. We're really glad to see some mighty cute youngsters in Farmington — just wait until you see their pictures.

THIS WEEK... One of our regular features is missing, the Calendar of Events. It is missing only because everyone here in the Christmas season as a time for family activities, and accordingly the usual routine for organizations and club affairs is dropped. There just isn't anything to put in the calendar this week, but in another week you'll find it back in The Enterprise, and it will again remind you of the dates you have for the current week.

WEST FARMINGTON FARM BUREAU HOLDS PARTY

The West Farmington Farm Bureau held their annual Christmas pot luck dinner and party on Thursday, December 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmidt on Halsted Road. About 42 adults and children were present.

A most enjoyable program was presented, with the entire group participating in the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Floyd Howard sang a solo, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" was recited by little Beth Wikom, and Dorothy Howard read the Christmas story from the Bible. Ray Howard led in prayer.

After a most delicious dinner was enjoyed, there was an exchange of gifts for both adults and children.

The group was particularly happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted present with them on this occasion. Mrs. Halsted remarked that they were "just coming home" for it was in the Schmidt's home that the Halsted's started housekeeping 46 years ago.

Ethel Turner To Marry Edgar S. Mather, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Turner of Nine Mile Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Ruth, to Mr. Edgar S. Mather, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mather of Oakland Avenue, Farmington.

Mrs. Turner is an employee of The Farmington State Bank, and Mr. Mather is associated with his father in the Mather Trucking Company.

The wedding will take place on February 21.

Miss Jean Anderson is home from Alhambra for the holiday vacation.

FALCON RESERVES WIN FOURTH CAGE VICTORY

Farmington's Reserve quintet won their fourth straight game of the 1947-48 basketball season Friday evening as they defeated Wallied Lake 33 to 15 on the Wallied Lake floor.

The Reserve game, which preceded the varsity contest, was the fourth game in ten days for the Reserve five. Two of these victories, against Northville and one against Wallied Lake, represent Conference competition.

Farmington started out very slow in the opening minutes of the game. In fact, neither team showed a great deal of offensive strength at first. The Falcons broke loose a few minutes after the opening jump-off, but in spite of their many chances at the basket were unable to make their shots count. This type of play continued through the first half with both teams riding along nip and tuck. The score at the end of the half was Farmington 12, Wallied Lake 12.

The second half was a little different with the Falcons finding themselves. They began to make their baskets count and pulled away from the Wallied Lake team. In the last half Farmington succeeded in making 21 points while holding Wallied Lake to 4 points. The final score was Farmington 33 — Wallied Lake 15.

Bud Bryant was high point man for Farmington with 8 points to his credit. Other scoring was as follows:

Player	FG	FT	Total
Aschenbrenner	2	2	6
Mindland	2	4	4
Turner	1	2	4
Tipple	1	2	4
Waller	1	2	4
Waller	1	2	4
Barrows	2	1	5
Bryant	4	8	12
Louys	1	4	3
Total	14	5	33

Local Churches Plan Christmas Observances

Public Invited To Special Services

Farmington's churches will mark the Christmas season with special services. At this holy time of the year, a most cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the community join in worship of the Christ Child at these Christmas services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
A Christmas Day Worship Service will be held at the First Baptist Church on Christmas from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The combined youth and adult choir have prepared special music and the pastor, Rev. Fred B. Fisher, will deliver a Christmas message. The church will be decorated for this service.

At the Sunday morning worship service on December 23, special emphasis will be placed on the "Greater Detroit for Christ" movement.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Solemn High Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Christmas Eve, at 12:00, midnight. Christmas morning High Mass for children will be observed at 8:30 a.m. and other Masses will be at 7:00, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

SALEM CHURCH
Members and friends of Salem Church are invited to attend the traditional Church School program at the church on Christmas Eve, at 7:45 p.m. Children of the school will present the Christmas story in pageantry, song and verse. The program is presented under the direction of Elliot Tyler, Sunday School superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Leona Gildemeister and all teachers.

On Christmas night, beginning at 8:00 p.m., the annual Candlelight Service will be held. Both the Junior and Senior Chorus of the church are featured at this service.

A most impressive opening has been planned, using the hymn, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The first verse will be used as a solo background. The Youth Choir, stationed among some large candles at the altar, some of them as much as six feet high, will sing the second verse, while the Senior Choir will use the third verse as a processional.

All of the music and arranging for this beautiful candlelight service is under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Hick Hammond, organist of the church.

Among selections to be used in this service are "Love Came Down at Christmas" by Luther and "Cradle Hymn to the Child Jesus" by Kopp, both by the Youth Choir. The Senior Choir will sing "Guest of the Shepherds," a Polish carol (Continued on Page Ten)

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town



Little Bobby Vockey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Vockey, is all eyes as he talks to Santa Claus, who has just arrived from the North Pole to find out what little boys and girls want this Christmas. He will be back Christmas Eve with his reindeer, sleigh, and a big sack full of toys and candy. Bobby's Dad is a member of the Farmington Enterprise mechanical staff.

Falcon Cagers Defeated In Last Minute Of Play By One Point

Farmington's Falcon quintet journeyed to Wallied Lake Friday night only to drop a heart-breaker 27 to 26 in the closing minute of play after leading the Wallied Lake five all through the game.

This is the first defeat for the Falcons in Inter-Lakes Conference competition and their second defeat of the season. They also have two victories to their credit for a .500 per cent average thus far this season. They have registered victories over Northville and East Detroit.

The first period saw both teams open up with a strong offense. It was nip and tuck all the way with Farmington coming out on the long end as the period closed, Farmington 7, Wallied Lake 7.

Wallied Lake succeeded in grabbing the lead in the second period by a very slight margin. The host team took a burst of speed to score nine points to the Falcons' 6 and take the lead at the close of the half, 16 to 14.

The lead shifted again in the third period with the Falcons taking over. Farmington scored 9 points to Wallied Lake's 4 as the Falcons made their baskets count while holding Wallied Lake in check. The third period score, Farmington 23, Wallied Lake 20.

In the final period both teams opened up but neither team was able to start a real rally. The lead jumped back and forth until the final minutes of play when the Falcons capitalized on a field goal and a foul shot to take a one point lead. However, they were unable to hold the Wallied Lake boys down.

In the final minute Wallied Lake squeezed one through to take a one point lead and the game. The final score, Wallied Lake 26, Farmington 27.

Ernie Tyler, Falcon-center, was high point man for Farmington with 9 points followed by John Greco with 8 points to his credit. High point man for the winners was Sharpe with 10 points.

Coach Bob Hutton used nine players during the game. The scoring was as follows:

Player	FG	FT	Total
Hibner	1	1	2
Nichols	1	1	2
Tyler	3	3	9
Greco	4	1	9
Melton	1	2	3
Weaver	1	2	3
Total	12	3	27

Farmington will not play again until after the holidays when they take on Milford in another Inter-Lakes Conference game on Friday, January 9. The contest will be played at Farmington and will start at 7:15.

Troop 35 Boy Scouts Have Surprise Treat

Bob Erickson of Troop 35, Baptist Church, Farmington, gave his fellow Boy Scouts and scoutmaster a big surprise last week with a gift for each one in his Troop.

In addition to the grab-bag of gifts, Bob gave out candy and gum. Bob's Dad who accompanied him, said it was his own idea.

John Samuelson, scoutmaster at the Children's Hospital, congratulated Bob and thanked him for the fine example of true scout spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hundy and daughter, Mary, were Sunday callers at the home of the form's brother, Clyde Hundy, and family, in Garden City.

Parties Mark Start Of School Holiday

Both Farmington and Clarenceville school youngsters are up to their ears in Christmas spirit ahead of the six days of Christmas parties through the courtesy of the respective Boards of Education.

Farmington's elementary children were the first to enjoy the Christmas festivities. They gathered together in the Farmington High school auditorium Monday afternoon for an hour of entertainment. Mrs. Robert Still was in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Roy Plunton, who accompanied the singing on the piano.

All students from the first through the sixth grades participated in the program. The first and second grades sang two Christmas songs each. The third grade presented the "Legend of the Christmas Tree." The fifth grade depicted a shepherd's scene entitled, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," and sang a Christmas carol. The sixth grade sang "We Three Kings" while carrying out the scene pantomime. The program closed with the Nativity scene and a solo by Daniel Brown, entitled "Silent Night." Elementary children throughout the District had individual parties Tuesday afternoon.

A special Christmas program was held Tuesday afternoon in the Farmington High School auditorium by members of the boys and girls club for the high school students.

The program was under the direction of Mr. Robert Still, Special Christmas music was sung. The girls club did a group of A. Capella numbers, followed by a Christmas selection by the boys' glee club. The two groups joined to sing a series of choral selections. The program closed with the glee club and students singing.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN TWO ACCIDENTS

Two accidents were reported in the City of Farmington last Saturday, one at 4:30 in the afternoon and one at 7:30 in the evening.

The first accident occurred when Burton Stafford, 29216 Greenleaf Boulevard, stopped to make a left hand turn from Grand River into School Street. His automobile, a 1947 Dodge, was rammed by a 1938 Chrysler driven by Mrs. Rose Charlois of 26546 Breton Road. Stafford and two passengers in his car, Ronald Bell and Richard DeLorand, were all shaken up and received minor injuries. Stafford was expected to sign a complaint against Mrs. Charlois on Monday, according to police.

The second accident took place in front of the Kroger Store. A minor who had no driver's license, driving a Ford pickup belonging to a his employer, ran into a Ford Tux driven by Catherine Zeyzyck of 2736 Halsted Road. No one was injured, but both vehicles were considerably damaged.

Babson's Outlook To Be Published

Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1948" will appear in the Thursday, January 1 issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

Mr. Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1947 was 93 per cent accurate.

The 1948 outlook will contain forecasts covering such important topics as:

- General Business
- Commodity Prices
- Farm Outlook
- Lower Taxes
- Retail Sales
- Foreign Trade
- Labor Outlook
- Inflation
- Stock Market
- Bond Market
- Real Estate
- Politics

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work (Continued on Page Ten)

City Of Farmington To Have House To House Mail Delivery By July 1

EARLY AGAIN!

Because New Year's Day falls on a Thursday, publication day for The Enterprise, the New Year's issue will go to press Tuesday, December 30. This is being done so that all Enterprise subscribers will get their paper in time to enjoy it during the holidays.

All news copy and advertising must be in by Monday noon, December 29, to insure publication in the New Year's issue. The Classified advertising deadline will be Monday at 5 p.m.

Thanks very much for the splendid cooperation you have given us.

Stands Mute On Hit-Run Charge

Howard J. Mixner, 2648 Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan, stood mute when arraigned before Judge John J. Schulte Saturday and a plea of innocent was entered in his behalf to charges of leaving the scene of an accident.

The accident in question occurred early Saturday morning at Eight Mile and Inkster Road where a man was reported to have been struck by a hit-run driver. State Police investigated the report and found the body of a man identified as John P. Griffin, 1212 Ashland Avenue, West. Police officials found a broken headlight at the scene of the accident.

Early Saturday morning, Mixner called the Wayne County Road Patrol and stated that he had been involved in an accident. He was taken into custody and questioned. Mixner stated that he had knocked the man down when he stepped in front of his car, but that a car following him ran over the man. Neither Mixner, nor the driver of the reported second car remained at the accident. Police officials are now searching for the car that Mixner stated hit Griffin as he lay on the pavement.

Mixner, after pleading innocent before Judge Schulte, was released on \$250 bond to await trial. Griffin's family have asked that an autopsy be performed to determine the exact cause of death. Griffin was 72 years old. The body was found at 3 a.m. Saturday.

Maccabees Plan Christmas Party

The Maccabees, Liberty Tent Hite 1027 of Farmington will have their Christmas party on Monday, December 29, at Farmington Town Hall.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by games and exchange of gifts. Members and friends are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Schools Close Tuesday For 12 Day Holiday

Students of the Farmington and Clarenceville schools are enjoying the beginning of a 12-day Christmas holiday.

Schools in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts closed their doors Tuesday afternoon, December 23, and will not open them again until Monday, January 5.

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