



THANKSGIVING . . . is all over — even the cases of indigestion that developed afterwards for some unknown reason or other are now but a memory — and the remains of the turkey might still be around. At any rate, everyone seemed to enjoy this great American holiday when family and friends gathered and the rush before Christmas is on in full force. After all, only 19 shopping days remain before Christmas, and that certainly doesn't leave much time for all that must be done. And besides, there are cookies to be made — candy to be made — all sorts of goodies to be prepared, even after the shopping is all done and the gifts are all wrapped. Already holiday wreaths are to be seen about town, and soon the spirit of Christmas will be all about. As yet we haven't had any snow to go along with it, but undoubtedly that, too, will soon be along.

DON'T DELAY . . . too long if you have packages to mail out of town and you wish them to reach their destination before Christmas. There is always a flood of mail at this time of the year, and the situation promises to be even worse this year — so please do your shopping early. And be sure that any packages you send are well wrapped and packed, for they get some rough handling along the way. Uncle Sam won't be able to do his part to get them there unless you take your own — so take care of your mailing in plenty of time, now you?

NEXT TUESDAY . . . we mark an anniversary none of us will ever forget, for December 7 is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. It was just seven years ago on December 7, 1941 that the Japs pulled their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and we found ourselves involved in a great war — a war that was to be only too real and personal for all of us. It was a war that touched every man, woman and child in these United States, in one way or another — a war that will continue to have an effect upon us for generations to come. This anniversary marks a pause and reflect upon all that happened in the months and years after Pearl Harbor. It makes us oh so thankful to think those war days are over — and it makes us resolve anew that we will do all within our power to see that such a catastrophe does not return to us again.

CITY RESIDENTS . . . and those of the Township who reside in the area familiarly called "Floral Park" have an obligation to fulfill on Thursday of next week, December 3, for that is the best date for the special election which will determine whether or not the area in question will be annexed to the City of Farmington. City voters will vote at the Town Hall, as usual, and a special polling place is to be set up in Floral Park for those residents to cast their ballots. This election is important — it concerns a matter of vital interest to the people who call this home, and therefore every qualified voter should cast his ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. so everyone will have ample opportunity to vote.

HAVE YOU NOTICED . . . how gay and festive our stores are looking? They're just crammed full of holiday merchandise — you'll find a large assortment of gifts for every member of the family. How about taking a little extra time this morning to select a gift for the family? The stores are looking over the gifts? You'll be most pleasantly surprised with what you will find, and best of all, you will save yourself many hours of time just now when saving time is so important, for you'll find it most unnecessary to make a trip to Detroit or for some other place here in the area to complete your shopping — you can do it right here at home. But do it now while the selection is still complete.

ANOTHER "HAB BEEN" . . . for the year 1948 the hunting season. The deer hunters are all home for the year and they've been very well pleased with a "fine bag" and others hoping that it will be better hunting next year. At any rate, the hunters all apparently enjoyed the annual trek into the north country and they've safely returned home to again take up the routine of their business and social life.

CHRISTMAS SEALS . . . have again been distributed by the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association, and already we are seeing them in the mail. They carry a little greeting of "Merry Christmas," but they do much more than that. They assure you that the fight against tuberculosis is going on, thanks to the help of your friends and neighbors. If you have not already done so, you'll want to answer this request for help during the 1948 holiday season. Buy 1948 Tuberculosis Christmas Seals.

LOCAL DAIRYMAN HEADS COUNTY FARM INSTITUTE

J. L. Reed of Farmington, President of the Dairy Extension Planning Committee, announces the following program which will be held in the County Office Building, 4th Floor, 14 Lafayette Street, Pontiac, Michigan, December 6 and 7, Monday, December 6 and Monday, January 3 and Monday, January 10, 1949. He states that the committee has planned a very interesting and educational program which will be of interest to all farmers in Oakland County. All meetings will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. The program will feature prominent speakers from Michigan State College, and moving pictures to depict the various subjects which will be discussed.

A copy of each day's program is outlined: Monday, December 6 — Chairman: Robert Hootman, Birmingham. 10:00 a.m. — Movie, "Heavy With A Fence Around It." "Farm Outlook for 1949" by Eugene H. Carter, Farm Management Department, Michigan State College. 11:15 p.m. — Movie, "John Martin and Son." "Chore Time and Cow Efficiency," by Lawrence Johnson, Dairy Department, Michigan State College. Monday, December 7 — Chairman: J. L. Reed, Farmington. 10:00 a.m. — Movie, "Sentinels of Milk." "Herd Health" by Dr. Ellen Reed, Veterinary Department, Michigan State College. 1:15 p.m. — Movie, "Hay." "Quality Milk Production" by Don Murray, Dairy Department, Michigan State College. Monday, January 3, 1949 — Chairman: (Continued on Page Seven)

COUNTY FARMERS URGED TO VOTE ON AAA COMMITTEES

Through the committee election system, all farmers have a voice in the administration of the national farm program for agricultural conservation, price support, commodity loans, crop insurance, sugar beets, etc., it was pointed out by Walter R. Cook, chairman of the Oakland County AAA committee. The "voice" farmers have is their vote in the committee elections and all Oakland County farmers who received ballots were urged by the county chairman to "open up" by voting for the candidates for the committee positions and for the delegate candidates to the county AAA convention to be held on December 31, 1948. Mr. Cook said that ballots have now been mailed to eligible farmers to vote in all townships and that farmers will have until December 22 in which to vote and return their ballots to the county office, either in person or by mail. A separate place has been made up for each different township, containing the names of the candidates for the positions of committee members and delegate candidates to the county AAA convention to be held on December 31, 1948.

CLARENCEVILLE PTA SCHEDULES PARTY

The annual feature party of the Clarenceville PTA is to be held at the Clarenceville High School, on Middlebelt Road, on December 10 at 8 p.m. Twelve games will be played, and the prizes are promised to be good sized turkey. Refreshments will also be served. Donations are one dollar, and may be made to any member of the PTA at the door, or by calling Farmington 1679-34. Everyone is invited. Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilfang of Tillsonburg, Ontario, are spending a few days visiting their aunt, Mrs. Lou Habermehl, and several cousins, while enroute to Florida where they will spend the winter

Annexation Vote To Be Held Next Thursday

Polls To Be Open From 7 A.M. To 8 P.M.

One week from today, Thursday, December 9, qualified property owners of the City of Farmington and the Floral Park area will vote on the question of annexation of the Floral Park area to the City of Farmington. A light vote is expected based on the degree of interest displayed thus far. Only property owners of the City of Farmington and owners of property in the area to be annexed are eligible to vote in this election. A majority vote is required before the area can be annexed to the City.

INCLUDES LARGE AREA . . . In general the area involved in the annexation includes Park Road and the area located adjacent to a corner just south of Grand River and bordered by Nine Mile Road and a line extending south from Orchard Lake Road. This annexation would extend the city limits to a line just east of Hawthorne and north to a line just north of Shawanawasee and back to Orchard Lake Road, the present city limits. Nine Mile Road would be the southern boundary of the city up to Grand River. The area to be voted on includes a highly developed and populated tract adjacent to the easterly boundary of the present Farmington city limits. A great many additional homes are under construction and more are being planned.

VOTING HOURS SET . . . Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters in the Floral Park area will cast their ballots at the model home located at 22429 Lilac Avenue. City voters will vote at the Farmington Town Hall. The special election was set after approval by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The Board authorized the election as well as setting the date and hours of voting. Residents of both the Floral Park area and the City of Farmington petitioned for the annexation election.

Lions Coach To Speak At Trojan Grid Banquet . . . C. A. Temerario, lion coach for the Detroit Lions Football Team, will be the guest speaker at the annual Clarenceville High School Football Banquet, to be held Thursday evening, December 2, at the Clarenceville High School. The program, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., is sponsored by the Band Boosters Mothers Club. A separate place has been made up for each different township, containing the names of the candidates for the positions of committee members and delegate candidates to the county AAA convention to be held on December 31, 1948.

Don't Spoil Your Postman's Holiday By Letting Christmas Mail Go Astray . . . Meet the man who's going to receive several thousand cheery Christmas greeting cards this year and is very unhappy about the whole thing. He has charge of the post office's undeliverable mail — "nixes," in the colorful jargon of the mail carriers. Last year, the local post office found reluctant host to a large quantity of other people's holiday mail, left homeless because of faulty addresses. Nationally the toll of undeliverable Christmas cards, letters, and packages ran into the millions.

Postmaster Norman C. Les points out that careless addressing adds trouble for the sender, as well as extra headaches for postal clerks at a season when they're already working around the clock to keep the holiday mails moving. "Each year, thousands of long friendships suddenly turn chilly when an eagerly-awaited Christmas card or gift fails to arrive," he observes. So if you want to keep your colorful and warm-hearted Christmas letters and cards from being lost in the Dead Letter Office this year, you'd better heed the Postmaster's detailed advice for Yuletide mailing.

Send mail promptly," he urges. All packages and all Christmas cards for out-of-state delivery should be in the post office by December 10, and all cards for local delivery

Action Sought On Speed Control

Kenneth R. Loomis, police commissioner for the City of Farmington, announced Tuesday afternoon that a letter has been sent to Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, seeking action on the zoning of the Grand River Cut-Off. The City Commission in September passed a resolution directing the police commissioner to request the State Highway Department to limit the speed on the Grand River Cut-Off from 35 to 25 miles per hour. The limit is now 35 miles per hour, with the exception of the approach to the intersection of Farmington Road, which should be 25 miles per hour. The resolution requested that suitable road signs be erected along the speed control zone designating the speed limits as well as the speed limit zone. The purpose of the control zone is to cut down if possible the number of accidents occurring on this section of U. S. 16, inside the city limits. At Park Road, however, it is a corner just south of Grand River and bordered by Nine Mile Road and a line extending south from Orchard Lake Road. This annexation would extend the city limits to a line just east of Hawthorne and north to a line just north of Shawanawasee and back to Orchard Lake Road, the present city limits. Nine Mile Road would be the southern boundary of the city up to Grand River. The area to be voted on includes a highly developed and populated tract adjacent to the easterly boundary of the present Farmington city limits. A great many additional homes are under construction and more are being planned.

Farmington Meets Wayne Tomorrow To Open 1948 Basketball Season Here . . . Farmington High School's basketball team opens up their 1948-1949 schedule this week when, tomorrow night, Friday, December 3, they meet Wayne High School on the home floor.

The opening whistle for this season has long been awaited, both by the students and their fans, who have hopes that Farmington can again work itself into the championship of the state. At least walk off with the league title. That there is a good likelihood of the Falcons being in the running for either top place is envisioned by some of the people who have watched the team work out in preparation for the opening game. The Falcons can boast of above-average height for the majority of the starting lineup, which will include Junior Nichols, captain, who is six feet high and plays forward; Keith Wieland, another forward, who tops 6 feet one inch; and Bud Bryant, 5-10, both guards. Robert Hutton has worked into shape for this year, two men — Nichols and McLean — have had experience as members of last year's aggregate.

Officers for the opening game will be John Abel, of Pontiac, and Douglas Salisbury, of Detroit. The reserve game will get under way at 7:15, and it is expected that the varsity teams will be prepared to take the floor at 8:30 p.m. In the home-and-home arrangements which Farmington High School has made for its basketball team this year, the Freshman team will be away from home each time the varsity plays here, appearing at the home court of the team playing Farmington. This Friday, they will play at Wayne, the game starting at 4 p.m.

Holiday Program Given By Students . . . By SUZANNE LABADIE . . . A Thanksgiving program directed by the Speech and Music departments of Farmington High School was presented Wednesday morning, November 21, in the school auditorium. The program was opened with a brief greeting to the students and faculty by the chairman, Duane Leach. Included in the musical portion of the program were the Girls' Glee Club, singing "Prayer" from "Hallelujah" and "My Heart Stood Still" by Rogers and Hart; a piano solo by Sylvia Bates, and "Hallelujah" by Heifetz, played by Charles Gronlund on the marimba. A new singing group calling themselves "The Falconettes" was introduced at the assembly. They gave a rendition of "Glorious" and "Twelfth Mass" by Mozart, which, along with the numbers given by Lenore Gildemaster and Charles Gronlund were presented by Farmington High School on Thanksgiving Day.

Announcements by Mr. Nuse and Mr. Smith of the high school faculty were also included in the program. To encourage a true feeling of Thanksgiving in all three given by Joan Seitz and June Turner. A poem was also given by Lois Leids. The program closed with everyone singing the "Thanksgiving Hymn."

HARRISON HOLDS CONFERENCE WITH M.S.C. FRESHMEN . . . G. V. Harrison, principal of the Farmington High School, attended the annual Principal-Freshman Conference at Michigan State College on Wednesday, December 3, at nine o'clock. The purpose of the conference was to add Farmington freshmen students at M.S.C. and also to bring back suggestions on how to improve the high school in Farmington. The conference is held annually at a number of the Michigan Colleges and Universities.

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Mrs. A. L. Ross entertained the members of her bridge club at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

RESIGNS



HARRIS D. EDGERTON

Harris D. Edgerton, secretary of the Clarenceville Board of Education, has submitted his resignation from the Board.

Edgerton was elected to the Board at the last annual election held in Clarenceville in June of 1948.

William Lawrahn has been appointed acting secretary until the teachers for the next school term.

The teachers are being interviewed by the Superintendent in anticipation of the completion of a part of the new school buildings. It is expected that the Bond School addition and the Farmington city school will be ready for use by February.

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Girl Scout Troop No. 2 Inducts Eight Members . . . Clarenceville Girl Scout Troop No. 2 held their investiture ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 29, at the Clarenceville High School.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Van Zant, they welcomed 8 new members into the troop at a candlelight ceremony. A group of the girls' parents were in attendance to see them receive their Tree Fol symbols and to hear them give their Scout promise to the troop.

New members of the scout troop are Sandra Brossert, Rosemond Dwyer, Barbara Dunn, Rosemary Knight, Lucille Mallette, Mary Lou Shuffert, Nancy Petach and Marian Lamontagne.

Refreshments were served by the committee members. The troop is sponsored by the Clarenceville Mothers Club.

Court Accepts 25% Increase In Township Water Rates

Methodist Bazaar And Dinner To Be Held

The annual bazaar and dinner will be held at the Farmington Methodist Church on Friday of this week, December 3. The bazaar will begin at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature booths for fancy work, a fish pond, a white elephant booth and home baked goods. There will be many items on sale that would make lovely Christmas gifts. Be sure to visit the bazaar early while the selection is complete, and get your tickets for the dinner.

School District To Add New Teachers . . . O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, announced this week that four new teachers will be added to the staff for the next school term.

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Family Is Routed By Morning Blaze . . . Fire from a defective chimney last Saturday morning caused considerable damage to the Felton Aldrich residence, at 26002 North Farmington Road.

The majority of the fire damage was confined to the rooms upstairs, where the fire broke out from a bad chimney and spread along the one floor and closet walls. Fortunately all of the clothing of the Aldrich family was destroyed. The remainder of the house was also damaged from water and smoke.

At approximately 3 a.m. Mrs. Aldrich visited the bedroom of her daughter, Donna Dunn, visiting here from Ann Arbor, when she smelled the odor of smoke. She then ran into the bedroom where the fire had broken out, and she opened a bedroom window to clear the room of the smoke. She then retired to bed, but was soon aroused by the cries of her daughter that the house was on fire. The six people in the residence, including Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, their two daughters and one son, as well as a brother-in-law, had only sufficient time to get out of the house before the fire broke out.

The Farmington fire department responded to the call and confined the damage to the upper part of the house. The construction was of brick and masonry, but the personal effects were not, and constitute a total loss.

The Aldrichs, who just moved into the residence six weeks ago, are living in the dwelling while repairs are being made.

Approval Based On Provision That Plan Works Satisfactorily

The Federal District Court accepted a resolution presented by the Farmington Township Board for a blanket increase of 25% in the water rates at a session of the Court held Tuesday, November 30.

Arthur Kosloski, Federal Judge, indicated that the Court would accept the increase and see how it worked out. The increase goes into effect with the December billing. Only those persons living in the southeastern portion of the Township will be affected.

The Federal Court also granted Farmington Township an extension of the appeal time to January 26. The Court stated at the initial session September 20, that the Township Board had to comply with the increase set by the Court.

At the time of the approval of the resolutions the Board stated that every effort was being made to avoid recouping. This process would be extremely expensive for the Township and it was felt that it should, if possible, be worked out without recouping.

The Township Board at a special meeting passed the resolution calling for a blanket 25% increase in the rates in an effort to reach an agreement in the future. It also passed a second resolution stating that if the Court did not approve of the percentage of increase that the Township would comply with the increase set by the Court.

Students Theatre Party Planned For December 15 . . . A Civic Theatre party, for the younger citizens of Farmington will be held at 1 p.m. on December 15, it was announced by Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, today.

The theatre party, at which the price of admission will be an item of packaged food or canned goods, is for the purpose of obtaining food for the needy for their Christmas cheer. The affair is part of the Goodwills activities in behalf of the needy each year at this season.

The theatre party will be for grade school students only, but Principal Gerald Harrison of the Farmington High School has announced that contributions for the program will also be taken from the high school students as their part of the undertaking.

Plane Forced Down In Field . . . A "lost plane" circled over the western limits of Farmington early Sunday, but although his plane minutes before he was forced down in a field on the east side of Tuck Road near Shawanawasee.

The pilot was uninjured in the crash landing, although his plane was slightly damaged when it plowed into a fence. According to police reports, the engine, landing gear and nose of the plane was damaged but not seriously.

According to the pilot, Clarence L. Harris, 22 years of age, he was running low on gas as he came over Farmington and decided to try and make a forced landing. Although he was not familiar with the territory, he turned on his landing light in an effort to locate a field. After circling several times, he located another plane in the field near Tuck Road and Shawanawasee and brought the plane down.

Harris was flying out of the Detroit City Airport in 1947 when he was slightly damaged when it plowed into a fence. According to police reports, the engine, landing gear and nose of the plane was damaged but not seriously.

The plane is owned by Martin Harris, who lives in Farmington. City and State Police investigated the crash landing.

DRIVER IS JAILED FOR POSSESSING FAULTY CAR PLATES . . . Municipal Judge John J. Schulte Tuesday sentenced Joseph Stone, 40, of 26502 Nelson, New Boston, Michigan, to pay \$25.00 fine or spend 10 days in jail for having improper license plates on his car. Stone was unable to pay the fine and immediately began his sentence by going to jail.

He was arrested on September 6 and his car, a 1947 Chevrolet, was impounded to appear until a warrant was issued and State Police went after him.

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