

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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**A NOTE OF THANKS** ... Blue Star Mother whose alert eyes never seem to miss a nail of imperfection. To her the memorial on the town of the Farmington Town Hall was much too vacant and it looked forgotten. Just at this holiday season. Because she was alert, a beautiful new Christmas wreath was obtained and placed on the memorial, that all might know that our boys who gave their lives in our behalf, were not forgotten at this Christmas season. Surely it is a great comfort to their families to see the wreath that has been placed on the memorial, and we may be sure the Christmas season was all the happier for them because they know that their sons are remembered.

**AGAIN THIS WEEK** ... a name long familiar on Farmington's "Main Street" is being changed to a new location, but we are all very happy to know the name will stay in our community. Since September of 1939 Dickersons Hardware has been located on Grand River Avenue, just a few steps west of Farmington Road. The business is now in the process of moving to their new location on Orchard Lake Road, just north of Ten Mile Road, where Forrest Dickerson and his son, Wade, have recently purchased the building. They will be glad to deliver merchandise to you, if it is inconvenient for you to stop in at the store, but do stop in when you have the opportunity and see what a fine, large building the Dickersons now have. We wish them well in their new location.

**LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS** ... proved to be the rule in Farmington, as well as Detroit, according to reports from local merchants. Last Friday was really a big day in town. It was practically impossible for anyone to find a place to park, so many automobiles were on the streets, and there was really a crowd in the stores. Grocery markets were jammed as housewives purchased all the supplies necessary for a big holiday dinner, and other stores were crowded with shoppers wishing to complete gift shopping. In the last few remaining hours before the deadline, many merchants had them necessary to put on additional clerks to take care of the rush of business. From all reports, it was indeed a very Merry Christmas for all, and everyone seemed to think their family had about the biggest Christmas they had ever had this year.

**THE NEW YEAR** ... is practically upon us - little old 1949 is about to make his entrance, to reach with us for the next twelve months. The arrival of a New Year always seems to call for some sort of celebration - some folks mark the arrival of the New Year in other manner, and some in another. Just a word of caution does seem to be in order, though. If you are planning to do any driving, please do so with extra caution. Find you may not do any drinking yourself, you are almost sure to find others on the road who are doing the same. Let's not mark the New Year in Farmington with any traffic accidents. It would be a much happier holiday with a perfect record.

**JUST A TOUCH** ... of the winter ahead, and of what we might expect to be in store for us during the next couple of months, or more, came along with Christmas. Must be Santa brought it along from the North Pole. Though the youngsters did not have any snow to try out new sleds and skis. They were however happy with the snow which permitted them to make good use of new skates, anyway. For all it was pretty cold to stay out of doors for very long at a time, the thrill of the new skates and the fun of trying them out made excitement run high enough to forget all about the weather.

**A CHRISTMAS TREE LOT** ... still well filled with cut trees is a sorry sight indeed the day after Christmas. Already many folks are taking their Christmas trees down, and a lot of others are trying to leave them up past the New Year holiday. However, because some trees seemed to be unusually dry and shed numerous needles, mother is rather happy to get them down and get the house straightened up, and if dad is inclined to worry about the fire hazard, he, too, is rather happy to get them down. Extra caution should be taken, though, and it is always in their mind to delay the dismantling of it, just as long as possible. It does leave a rather empty spot in the house, doesn't it?

**WITH THE END OF THE YEAR** ... everyone is getting in a good supply of pencils and seeing to it that they are well sharpened - all preparatory to getting "the figures" together for the year just completed, for now comes the task of getting everything balanced out and ready for the coming of the New Year. The end of the year brings with it many matters, all of which must be carefully gone over. Inventories must be taken, and all the rest - the rush of the holidays does not mean a period of relaxation will follow for most folks, but it is different. At least one can say that for it.

### Farmer Institute Dates Announced

A two-day institute for Oakland County farmers, under the auspices of the Oakland County Dairy Instructors Association, will be held on the fourth floor of the County Office Building in Pontiac on Monday, January 3, and Monday, January 10. A full day's program will be of interest to each session. On Monday, January 3, the program will start with a movie, "Green Hay", and "Trees To Move". The speakers will be: Roy McHugh, of Michigan State College Farm Crops Department, "Better Crops for 1949", will discuss corn, oats, alfalfa and pasture growing. A discussion session will follow. At 1:15 the afternoon program will get under way with another movie, "More Milk", and "New Flavors of Hay", followed by a talk by George Parsons, of the Dairy Department of Michigan State College.

### Student Council To Hold New Year's Eve Party

Plans have been completed for the Annual Farmington High School New Year's Eve party to be held at the town gymnasium on Monday, January 3, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Roy McHugh and his orchestra will furnish the music for dancing. The party is sponsored by the Farmington High School student council. The Board of Education allocated money for a large portion of the expense of the party at its last regular meeting.

### Five Escape Injures When Car Overturns

A group of five young people suffered lacerations and bruises, some of them serious, when a passenger car overturned on Monday afternoon. The car was driven by Robert H. Bloom, 13229 Ohio Street, Detroit, failed to negotiate a turn while traveling at high speed and turned over.

The accident occurred at Nine Mile Road and Flora in Farmington, on December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lange had been the guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Whitbeck are the parents of Mr. Lange, and formerly resided in Farmington.

### Trailer Damaged, Home Destroyed In Township Fires

#### Two Blazes Caused By Defective Wiring

Two fires, taking a toll of damage amounting to more than \$2300 at two dwellings, last week reduced the cheery Christmas season for two families in the Farmington area.

On Wednesday evening, December 22, the house trailer of Leroy Wooster, located on Miller Road near Grand River and Nine Mile Road, caught fire while no one was present, and the flames got a good start before it was noticed. The Farmington Fire Department responded to the call.

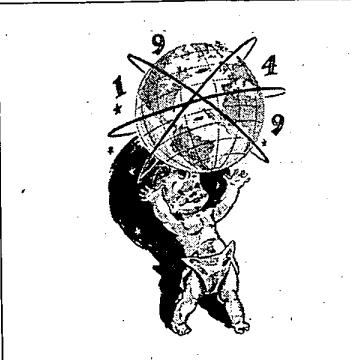
The trailer, of aluminum construction on the outside, was damaged throughout its interior, the flames ruining the interior surface finish. The fire was caused by a short in a hot plate. Damages, exceeding \$1,000, was covered by insurance.

**HOME DESTROYED**  
Fire at the garage type home of James Mooney, 30885 Eight Mile Road, near Randall, destroyed the entire interior of the construction at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday, December 23. The fire was believed to have started from a short circuit in or near the electric pump.

The fire was discovered by James Mooney, Jr., who was home alone at the time. He was awakened by the smell of smoke, and when he opened the door to the utility room, discovered that section of the house totally afflame.

The Farmington Fire Department, as well as Township fire responded, but not in time to save any of the possessions or seven rooms of furniture, which were totally lost. The dwelling and contents were only partially covered by insurance.

Miss Jean Anderson is entertaining ten of her classmates from all ten colleges with a musical on Tuesday at the home of her parents, the Ivar Andersons, on Power Road.



It's all yours, Young Fella; this year of 1949. You've got the world with a fence around it and the certainty of 365 days ahead. You've got a big job waiting for you - a job that will etch lines on your face and bend your body. Let us all hope that you bring with you the power to make men understand - the spirit of working together. Let us all pray you show men the path toward peace and the wisdom to make it real and lasting.

### Many Churches Plan Watchnight Programs To Usher In New Year

Many Farmington city and surrounding area churches are preparing special New Year's Eve services to welcome and usher in the New Year.

Farmington's First Baptist Church invites the people of Farmington to a Watchnight Festival on New Year's Eve beginning at 8 p.m., and continuing through the night hour. The evening begins with a social period which provides games and special events for all ages. Following the social period the moving picture entitled "Scrooge" will be shown. The picture is based on Dickens' "Christmas Carol". After the picture refreshments there will be a Candlelight Communion Service from 11 o'clock until midnight.

On Sunday, January 2, the Rev. Fred B. Fisher, pastor of the church, announces the beginning of two new preaching series. The morning series will follow out the great teachings of the Bible, the first theme being "Who is God?" The evening series will be based on favorite chapters of the Bible as selected by members of the congregation. The first Sunday evening message based on Isaiah 53 will be, "The Servant of the Lord". A cordial invitation is extended to all to enjoy the activities of the church.

Farmington's Methodist Church will not hold any special services on New Year's Eve, but a special communion service has been planned for all those who desire to be communicants for the following Sunday. The Communion service will be held at 11:15.

The Salem Evangelical Church will hold a half-hour midnight service starting at 11:45 p.m. on December 31, to usher in the New Year. The service will be strictly a meditative one, without music or sermon.

Our Lady of Sorrows will not hold any special evening services to usher in the year, but on the following Sunday will hold regular Masses at the following hours: 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will also hold a special communion service New Year's Eve, starting at 7:30 p.m. On New Year's Day, the church will have a service held at 10 a.m. in addition to the regular services usually scheduled for Sunday.

### NOBLE PTA PLANS FILM SHOWINGS AT JANUARY MEETING

The regular meeting of the Noble PTA will be held at the Noble School at 8 p.m. on January 3. Mrs. Turner has arranged for members of the State Police to present two films, "The Stolen Cargo", and "Hoffmans Unlimited", at the meeting. All parents of the children attending school in the district are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served by the fourth grade mothers.

**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**  
The children of Noble-William Grade School will be supplied with Christmas boxes for their party on December 23 by the Noble PTA group. Santa Claus visited the William Grace School.

### Speed Control To Be Set Up On US16 Around Farmington

#### Rubbish Pick-Up Service Expanded To Floral Park

City Clerk Harry Moore has announced that the rubbish pick-up service for the Floral Park area will be increased to weekly. According to Moore, the new service is the first of the city services which the area will receive since its incorporation as a part of the City of Farmington.

Moore stated that the residents are asked to place their receptacles of rubbish on the curbs on Thursday evening, January 6, in time for the early pick-up service which will start Friday morning.

#### Musical Program Planned By Club

The next meeting of The Town Club is to be held Thursday evening, January 6, at 8:00 o'clock, at 22651 Brookdale.

"What Music Can Do For Us" is the title of the talk to be given by Ruth Dayer. Mrs. Dayer is known as a pianist, speaker and teacher. In addition to her concert and speaking engagements, she has done considerable work in classes of music for young children. She is, at the present time, teaching a course in music recreation at Wayne University, and has done some work in music therapy with Dr. Attshuler at Wornos County General Hospital. She is a teacher of piano as a member of the Music Forum, of which her husband, Walter Dayer, is director.

Mrs. Dayer is an active member of the Tuesday Musicale of Detroit, the Detroit Alumni of Phi Epsilon and Chapter 1, P.E.O. Last year the Farmington Mothers Club heard her talk on music for young children. In the coming talk she will stress the continuing influence of music throughout life. In addition, Mrs. Dayer will play a few short selections written by the masters.

A social hour and refreshments will close the meeting.

Mr. Major and son of Dearborn were holiday week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lukesfahr and Homer Major, who lives with the Lukesfahr's. On Christmas Eve the Major family visited with Mrs. Manley Fox, and family in Dearborn.

#### Outstanding News Events In 1948

A new year is about to unfold before us and the events of 1948 are already history. As we stand on the threshold of a new year it is fitting that we pause for just a moment and look back at the outstanding events which have occurred in Farmington during 1948 as recorded in the Farmington Enterprise.

January 1 - Postal officials in Washington approve local carrier delivery for City of Farmington.

January 8 - Charles Stuart club Police investigate burglary in Town Hall, in which stamps and money were taken.

February 12 - City of Farmington institutes new building inspection department.

February 26 - Smith - Berling companies takes over automobile agency in city.

March 1 - Special county election called on financing of a district basketball tournament.

March 25 - Local churches mark Easter with special music and messages. Voters approve Clarenceville School building program by

#### Section To Be Zoned In Effort To Reduce Traffic Accident Toll

Establishment of a speed control zone on Grand River and the Grand River Cut-Off around Farmington has been agreed upon, Kenn Loomis, Farmington Police Commissioner, announced this week.

The announcement followed a second meeting of state and local officials on the matter at the Farmington City Hall. The speed control zone will cover the section of Grand River from Meadowbrook Road to Gill Road on the Cut-Off to Seven Mile Road. The established speed limit from Meadowbrook Road to Gill Road will be 50 miles per hour.

#### Clarenceville Gym Plans Modified

General construction plans for the Clarenceville Auditorium-Gymnasium building must be modified before final bids can be accepted, it was announced following a special meeting of the Board of Education last week.

The meeting was called for the purpose of opening and reading bids for the construction of the building. A total of 11 bids were received by the Board on general construction, seven bids were received on plumbing, heating and ventilating, and five bids were received on electrical work.

None of the bids were accepted by the Board at the meeting last week. The Board reserved the right to accept or reject all bids. The reason for the action was due to the fact that the bids ran higher than the amount of money available.

The architects are now at work on the second plans in an effort to bring the cost of the building within the amount of money the District has to spend. According to reports the architects to accept any bids at this time was due to the fact that the bids ran higher than the amount of money available.

The Board is expected to meet early in January to consider the alternate plan.

Freeda and Albert Bidwell are both home from college for two weeks, spending the vacation with their parents, the A. W. Bidwells, on Ten Mile Road. Freeda's vacation, Albert is working at the Farmington Post Office.

Officials participating in the formation of the speed control area of the speed control area: Sgt. Henry Kozwick, commanding officer of the Redford Post of the Michigan State Police, Capt. Charles Holton, Safety Traffic Division of the Michigan State Police, Mr. S. Levine, State Highway Department, Joseph DeVriendt, Farmington Chief of Police, and Kenneth Loomis, Farmington Police Commissioner. The officials agreed that speed on the Cut-Off and on Grand River was the major cause of most accidents.

A study of accident reports on this section of road for a set period of time disclosed 10 accidents per mile between Meadowbrook Road and Seven Mile Road. The purpose for establishing this zone and the patrolling of it is to reduce this accident rate.

#### KIWANIS CLUB SETS DATE TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will hold a dinner and officer installation at Huck's Redford Inn January 5, at 7 p.m.

The plans include the invitation of women guests and friends of the members, for both the dinner and the installation ceremony.

New officers of the club are: Charles Lyall, president; Rev. Carl Schultz, first vice president; Wendell Brown, second vice president; and Harry Walters, secretary and treasurer. New incoming members of the board of directors are Norman Cook, Leo Fendt, Clarence Hoofnagle and Leo Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, of Floral Avenue, are the proud parents of a seven pound, nine ounce baby girl, Linda Christine, born at the Howell Hospital on Thursday, December 23. Mother and baby are reported doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar West announced the birth of an eight pound baby girl, Cynthia Ann, on December 18.

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