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Record Flow Of Christmas Mail Pours Thru Farmington Post Office

Windows To Be Open Friday Evening Until 9
To Accommodate Expected Last Minute Rush

Farmington Post Office employees came face to face with the anticipated avalanche of Christmas mail and packages last week and they don't expect to see the light of day until after the holiday. Henry Trombley, Postmaster, announced this week that all auxiliary personnel are now on duty. The regular staff has been doubled for the Christmas rush. The additional employees will be used on the various mail routes as well as in the office.

Trombley stated that the Post Office will remain open this Friday evening until 9:00 p.m. for the convenience of Farmington area residents. Persons are urged to take care of their Christmas mailings as soon as possible to avoid long line-ups. The Postmaster suggested that persons visit the Post Office early in the morning or early in the afternoon when the rush is usually not so pressing.

Postal employees worked at top speed over the week end, as Christmas cards and gifts began streaming through the Post Office in record breaking volume. Trombley stated that the incoming mail is expected to reach a peak during the coming week end, and then there will be the last minute rush of outgoing mail. In order to meet this situation, all service windows will be open to handle stamp sales and gift mailings.

Persons are advised to send Christmas cards with first class postage stamps attached, and those for out-of-town by air mail or special delivery. Air parcel post is recommended for any remaining gift packages going to other states.

Santa Claus Visit Set For Sunday

Hey, Kids! Santa Claus will make a last minute dash into Farmington this Sunday afternoon to take your final orders . . . so don't miss him.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Farmington at 2:00 p.m. He will be met at the western limits of the city by members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the visit. Santa will be transferred from his sleigh to a Cadillac convertible for a brief parade through the city. The caravan will arrive back at the Town Hall where Santa will visit with the boys and girls.

Cecil Roberts, chairman of the Jaycees Christmas committee, stated that all plans have been completed for the annual program. A special throne is being installed in the Town Hall for Santa. Arrangements have also been made to speed up the handling of the large crowd expected.

Santa has advised the Jaycees that his pack will be filled with gaudy and Golden Books which are sent to each boy and girl who comes to see him on Sunday afternoon.



AROUND THE BLOCK

SANTA CLAUS WEATHER . . . brought to the delight of all expected in Farmington this week, much to the parents' shared the excitement, especially if they had to walk or drive. We agree that Christmas just doesn't seem right without that white stuff on the ground, but when it turns to sleet as soon as it settles down, then that's something else again. But, as a lot of our neighbors point out, "We can't complain too much this year." Besides, this isn't the time of the year to complain anyway . . . even about the weather!

WE WANT TO ADD . . .

Goodfellows "Thank you" to that of the officers and members of the Farmington Goodfellows on the wonderful response you, the citizens of the community, gave to the annual paper sale last Friday. Through your generosity, the Goodfellows have achieved a new record, and more important — the less fortunate families in the area have been assured of a real Christmas. We want to add our congratulations to the 1953 Goodfellows for their enthusiasm and hard work. They have done much to bring the true spirit of Christmas closer to all of us. They made the slogan, "No home without a Christmas," a very real and wonderful fact!

THE WHYS AND WHEREFORES . . .

Of American Democracy should be of vital concern and interest to all of us. Far too often we lose sight of the basic concepts upon which our government and our way of life were founded. All of us should from time to time renew our acquaintance with the principles of Americanism. Such an opportunity is being afforded the citizens of the Farmington community through the American Heritage program to be started January 4 under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Library. This discussion group, which will meet at the new Farmington High School, is limited to 25 persons. It is our sincere hope, in the interest of better citizenship, that the waiting line extends into every home in the community.

THINGS HAVE BEEN BUZZING . . .

At the Bell Telephone office this week, and we aren't referring to the switchboards, either. The girls have been using their spare time to add bright Christmas decorations to the second floor windows of the building. It is a mighty fine addition to the holiday spirit. So the next time you head down South Farmington Road take a look at the girls' handiwork.

Accident Turns Death Car Into Pile Of Twisted Steel



These are the few remains of the automobile in which Louis R. Pulls of Detroit died instantly as the result of a collision with a semi-trailer truck early last Saturday morning. The accident occurred on U. S. 16 near Hunt Orchards. Early morning traffic was tied up for approximately two hours while workers cleared the highway of debris.

Two Killed In Separate Car-Truck Accidents On U. S. 16 Near 10 Mile

Fatalities Occur Only Few Hours Apart
In Almost Exact Location On Grand River

Week end accidents in the Farmington area resulted in death to Louis R. Pulls, 24, of 13557 Seymour in Detroit and to Frank H. Pershok of 3762 Benford in Allford. Pulls died instantly of a fractured skull when his car collided with a truck and Pershok was dead on arrival at Redford Receiving Hospital after his car had been struck by a truck. The first accident occurred at 3:53 a.m. Saturday and the second took place within 500 feet of the same spot at 5:00 p.m. the same day on Grand River near Hunt Orchards.

According to police reports, Pulls was heading west on U. S. 16 when his car swerved to the left and, as he headed back to the right side of the pavement he struck a semi-trailer truck being driven by Robert L. Stallions of 1773 Detroit Street in Lincoln Park.

Stallions had seen the car crossing over and had pulled partially onto the shoulder of the highway when his truck was sideswiped by the Pulls car. The trailers were decoupled from the truck cab and came to rest in a jack-knifed position at the side of the highway. The cargo of meat scraps which Stallions was hauling was strewn for some 200 feet along the road.

Pulls was removed to the Van Valkenburgh Funeral Home in Redford. His car was completely demolished.

WYKENS said that Pershok was driving out of Hunt Orchard fruit stand and, coming to a stop at the side of Grand River, apparently saw the oncoming truck and decided that he could pull out ahead of it.

Driver of the truck, John G. McVicker of 23420 Melville in Hazel Park, said that he was too close at the time to avoid hitting the car.

PLAN VESPER SERVICE

The Order of the Eastern Star, Farmington Lodge, will hold a Vesper Service at the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, December 22, at 8 p.m.

Officers of the lodge state that the general public is invited to attend the service.

The canine population of the United States was recently upped two when Chena and Nanook Wright came from Alaska to make their home in this country. Presently at the home of Larry Wright's mother at 25107 West Ten Mile Road in Farmington, Chena and Nanook aren't just ordinary dogs, either, they're full-blooded huskies from Fairbanks, Alaska.

How do they like it in this country? Well, the climate is rather warm in comparison to the 14 degrees below zero in Alaska when they left their native land, but their owner said that the dogs' coats will thin out somewhat more in keeping with the weather.

And just what is a pair of four-month-old huskies doing in the United States? The story begins back some time in August of this year in Fairbanks, where Larry and Evelyn Wright had made their home for two years.

Larry was stationed with the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Ladd Air Force Base and Evelyn worked for the University of Alaska at an agricultural experiment station.

The Wrights lived in a one-room apartment at the experiment station, where they had room for nothing larger than one or two cats as pets. When it became evident that Larry would be transferred to the States the couple, both of whom loved dogs, decided to buy a husky — just one! They visited Richard Best, a lumberyard worker who raised

Township Zoning Hearing Set For December 21

Consider Zone Change
On Northwestern Hwy.

A public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Monday, December 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Leo Kelly, Zoning Board Chairman, announced this week.

The proposed amendment would rezone a parcel of land on the north side of Northwestern Highway near Fourteen Mile Road from Commercial to Light Industrial. The property is adjacent to a Light Industrial zone. A request for the change was presented to the Township Board several months ago by the owners of the property.

"The Board approved a resolution of intention to amend the ordinance and filed a copy of the action with the Zoning Board following legal publication.

MEMBERS of the Thanksgiving holiday and difficulties in getting the Zoning Board together, the hearing has been delayed until December 21. All residents of Farmington Township affected by the proposed amendment are invited to attend the meeting.

CITY ANNOUNCES OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAY

The City Hall will close at noon on Wednesday, December 23, for the annual City Employees Christmas Party. James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week. Tennant added that city officials will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, and will remain closed until Monday morning, December 28, pending approval by the Council. The Police Department will follow its regular schedule during the Christmas holidays and an emergency Public Works crew will be available for call.

Chena And Nanook Wright, Lately Of Alaska, Take Up Residence In Farmington Township

and-trained huskies as a hobby and the young man showed the Wrights a new litter which included a black and a brown dog. Then a new problem faced the Wrights: to take the huskies or the black? The couple finally decided to take one home on approval for several days and then exchange

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Board Plans Further Study Into Comparative Costs Of Classroom Construction

Council To Take Action Monday On Ordinances

Propose Elimination
Of Unused Ice Boxes

Two proposed ordinances are expected to receive final action and two others introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council, to be held next Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The two ordinances ready for final action include adoption of state laws. The first defines a disorderly person and provides for punishment to be imposed upon conviction of being disorderly. The second ordinance defines assault and battery and provides for the punishment and conviction of persons found guilty of such charge. Both proposed ordinances were introduced at the regular November meeting of the Council.

ACCORDING to the proposed ordinance anyone found guilty of being disorderly is subject to imprisonment for a period of not more than 90 days or by fine of not more than \$100 or both. The same imprisonment and fine provisions are set up in the proposed assault and battery ordinance.

Paul Pare, City Attorney, stated that the proposals follow closely the provisions set up by state law.

One of the new ordinances expected to be introduced will make it unlawful to have abandoned ice boxes. (Continued on Page 8A)

Heritage Series Opens January 4

"A Challenge to Americans" has been selected as the topic for the first discussion in the American Heritage Series to open Monday, January 4, at the new Farmington High School.

The series is designed to acquaint residents with significant history and to provide an opportunity to become informed on issues of the day. Admission will be free, with pamphlets, reading materials and films furnished by the American Library Association. The series will be financed by the adult education fund of the Farmington School District.

Eight meetings of the group will be held in the school library on alternate Monday evenings, January 4 to April 5. A wide range of topics will be covered in the series. Subsequent meetings will consider the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and United States domestic and foreign policies.

Members of the class will be encouraged to discuss the subject matter and to relate the precedents. (Continued on Page 8A)

WORK STARTED ON ALTA LOMA STREET SEWER

Work is expected to begin this week on the construction of the Alta Loma Street relief sewer, city officials announced Monday.

The sewer is to be constructed by the Oak Park Excavating Company. Deadline for the completion of the project has been set for April 1. However, the work is expected to be finished in several weeks, weather permitting. The project includes the construction of a twenty-one inch sewer to be extended along Alta Loma Street and connecting with existing mains on Farmington Road.

Officials stated that representatives of Consumers Power Company and the City Water Department will work with the excavators in spotting utility service lines. The new main is designed to serve the bulk of the southwest section of the city.

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Officials To Visit Other Schools Before Issuing Report To Citizens

The Farmington Township School Board continued its study of cost per classroom in relation to the proposed building program at a regular meeting held Monday evening at the Junior High School. The Board voted to visit schools in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Inkster and Melvindale for the purpose of observing less-costly methods of construction on Monday, December 21.

A representative of the architectural firm of Eberle Smith appeared at the Monday meeting to present several methods whereby the cost per square foot of classroom construction could be cut. If the cost per square foot of classroom construction could be cut, it was pointed out that such an end could be reached by use of less expensive building materials and by simplified structural and daylighting systems.

Even if combustible materials were used in the construction of new classrooms, the architect stated that the cost per square foot would not be less than \$11.50.

By using less expensive non-combustible materials, simplified structure and daylighting systems, new classroom units could be constructed for \$13.50 per square foot. Proposed additions to schools now in existence would cost \$16.00 per square foot because similar materials would have to be used.

A GREAT DEAL of comment was made by citizens at the last Citizens School Committee about the seemingly excessive cost of constructing each classroom unit. To answer this and other questions in regard to the proposed building and the cost of the School Board has, for the past several weeks, studied many ways and means of cutting costs.

Members of the Board of Education have made it clear that they (Continued on Page 8A)

Goodfellow Paper Sale Nets \$2,300

A record total of \$2,300 was collected by the Farmington Goodfellows during their annual newspaper sale held last Friday. Fred Melhke, Jr., president, announced this week.

Monks stated that this total is expected to be increased as additional reports are filed during the week. This is the largest amount ever collected by the Farmington Goodfellows, the president added. A total of 57 civic and business men participated in the 1953 paper sale.

The funds collected during the annual newspaper drive will be used by the Goodfellows for distribution to needy families in the community. Monks stated that an investigation is now being made of families who have been suggested to the Goodfellows. Purchase certificates will be issued to needy persons just prior to Christmas.

Next Friday, December 18, will be canned goods collection day at the Farmington, Clarenceville and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools. Each student is being asked to bring an item of canned or packaged food which will be made into special Christmas baskets by the Goodfellows. The packing of the baskets will take place at the Legion Memorial Home.

Goodfellows Enjoy Busy Day Friday



Farmington Goodfellow Robert Lindbom makes a couple of "sales" at his stand in front of the Post Office last Friday during the annual paper drive. Mrs. Viola Adams, left, of 38708 Oakland Avenue, and Mrs. Richard Hilt, center, of 38010 West 80th Mile Road, have just purchased copies of the special Goodfellow edition from Lindbom. The Farmington Goodfellows set a new record this year with a total of \$2,300 collected during the one day sale.