

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

MEMBER
Audit Bureau
of Circulations

SECOND PLACE
Mich. Press Assoc.
General Excellence
Contest

SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR — NUMBER 12

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1953

16 PAGES

SEVEN CENTS A COPY

Goodfellows Bring Christmas Joy To Needy Families



This is the stuff that Christmas baskets are made of and the Farmington Goodfellows have been hard at work all week putting everything together. At the end of the line it spells genuine happiness for approximately 128 families in this area who might not have a Christmas otherwise. This huge quantity of canned goods piled

Farmington Goodfellows To Aid Over 700 Persons In Community

Special Christmas Food Baskets Distributed To 128 Families In Farmington Area This Week

A total of 128 families in this community will have a happier Christmas this year, thanks to the Farmington Goodfellows.

That is the number of families who are receiving special food baskets and purchase certificates from the Goodfellows this week. Fred Menke, Jr., president of the Farmington Goodfellows, stated that this is the largest number of persons ever served by the organization. The 128 families represent about 700 people.

THE SPECIAL baskets are now being distributed to needy families throughout the city. The baskets were referred to the Goodfellows. Distribution is being made by the Farmington Police (Continued on Page 5A)

Churches Plan Special Christmas Holiday Services

Music To Highlight Traditional Programs

The real meaning and the true spirit of Christmas will be brought to people in the Farmington area in special services at most of the churches in the vicinity. Church leaders urge families to attend the services of their church as a group.

Father Thomas Deahan has stated that Christmas Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows at 12:00 midnight on December 24 and on Christmas Day Masses will be held at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. New Year's Day Masses at the Catholic Church have been scheduled the same as Sunday, with Masses being held at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 and 12:30.

NO SPECIAL Christmas Eve services have been planned for the First Baptist Church but Rev. Gordon Northrup reports that special Yuletide music will be offered at the Sunday morning service and at 7:30 p.m. on December 27 the church choir will present its annual Christmas concert. Baptists will observe a New Year's Eve (Continued on Page 5A)

Water System May Be Returned To Township In 1954

Receiver Gives Report On Section 36 System

The Section 36 water system, now in the hands of receivership, may be returned to the Township Board sometime next year, it was announced at the regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening.

The announcement was made by Matthew Carey, a receiver for the water system. Carey appeared before the board to request use of a room in the Clarenceville Fire Hall for repair and storage of water meters. The board directed Ernest Blancheard, Township Supervisor, to work out the arrangements with Carey regarding use of the building as well as rent fees.

The receiver gave a brief report on the financial status of the system. He stated that there are approximately \$80,000 worth of bonds yet to be paid off before the system is clear. Carey added that there is a surplus at the present time of approximately \$18,000. A PETITION was filed with the (Continued on Page 5A)

AROUND THE BLOCK

FROM ALL OF US HERE . . .

To all of you out there . . . A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! It has been pretty thick around The Enterprise office the past few weeks as we know it has been everywhere. As a result we haven't had a chance to think very much about Christmas. But we can begin to see a little light now. Which brings us around to the point of thanking all of you for your help and cooperation during this busy season. We appreciate your getting news and advertising copy to us early. It makes a big difference. We also appreciate your consideration, especially when we know that you have been up to your ears, too. Thanks again . . . and the very best this Holiday Season.

TWAS A SIGHT . . .

For a happy Santa's eyes, the long line of eager youngsters that packed the Town Hall last Sunday for a look and a word with the jolly fellow. In fact, it was a sight for many eyes, including the members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, who sponsor the annual Wish of Santa Claus. It was the largest turnout in the history of the Jaycee Christmas program. We haven't figured out yet who got the biggest kink out of the whole affair. Most of the boys and girls were pretty excited about it all, but from the looks on the faces we think most of the parents were pretty thrilled, too. Altogether it was a mighty busy and exciting day . . . an appropriate preview of a bigger day which, is just around the corner.

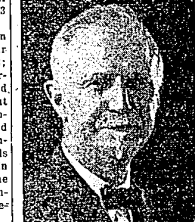
Predictions For '54 Babson's "Outlook" To Be Published In Next Week's Issue Of Enterprise

Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1954 will appear in next week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

This popular feature has appeared in The Enterprise for the past several years. Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an annual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1953 was 84% accurate.

On December 31, 1953, Babson predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1953; (2) that the supply of raw materials would be ample in 1953 and there would be less government control; (3) that disposable income and demand for goods would hold up in 1953 due to full employment; (4) that rent controls would be a thing of the past in most areas in 1953; (5) that the cost of mortgage money would increase; and (6) he definitely forecast slower stock prices.

Babson's 1954 Outlook will contain outstanding forecasts covered



Roger W. Babson

Proposed Ordinance To Halt Moving Of Houses Introduced By City Council

500 Orders Santa's Business Booms Sunday

Santa Claus put in a mighty busy afternoon last Sunday during his annual visit to Farmington under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

According to Cecil Roberts, chairman of the Jaycee Christmas program, approximately 500 boys and girls jammed the Town Hall to have a few words with Santa. This is the largest crowd ever to visit Santa during his annual visit to Farmington.

Santa rode into the city in a new Cadillac convertible escorted by two police cars. After a short tour, he returned to the Town Hall where a long line of excited youngsters were waiting. The line, which formed at the Grand River entrance to the hall, extended down the walk along Grand River to Farmington Road and north almost to the east doorway of the building.

In order to get all the youngsters out of the cold, a chain-type of line was formed inside the hall. At one time approximately 750 boys and girls and their parents were in the building. Each youngster received a box of candy and a Golden Book as a gift from Santa Claus.

First Aid Classes To Begin Jan. 4

First aid classes, sponsored by the Civil Defense Council, will be conducted in Farmington beginning on Monday, January 4.

March Of Dimes Drive Opens Jan. 2

Community and department chairmen of the Southwest Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for the March of Dimes Campaign, which will officially open on January 2.

Mr. James Little, Campaign Director, announced the appointment of the following community chairmen: Mrs. Francis Buttermore, Farmington; Mrs. Vernon Hawley, Clarenceville; Mrs. Frances Staman, Novi; Mrs. Ray Eno, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Troy, Lyon, Novi and Farmington. The newly reappointed District includes the Townships of Lyon, Novi, Farmington and Southfield as well as the cities of South Lyon, Farmington, Berkley and Oak Park.

Arrangements have been made to have the high school gymnasium open during the holidays for free play and organized games. All students from eight years of age up are invited to participate in the program. The following days: December 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; December 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; December 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and from 7 to 10 p.m.; on January 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following times have been reserved for basketball practice: (Continued on Page 5A)

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULED SAME FOR HOLIDAY

City residents are being advised this week that rubbish will be picked up on Friday, Christmas Day, the same as usual.

REFERENCE BOOK LISTS PHYSICAL GROWTH OF CITY

The business growth of Farmington was underlined this week when the physical count of names of businesses in the November, 1952, Reference Book of Dun and Bradstreet was completed. The new count showed an increase of 68% in the past seven years, according to J. H. Mackintosh, manager of Dun and Bradstreet's Detroit office which covers Farmington.

He disclosed that in 1946 there were 167 rated business listed in Farmington and the count in the new book showed 282. The Reference Book lists commercial enterprises. (Continued on Page 5A)

TENNANT NAMES SPECIAL OFFICER FOR FARMINGTON

James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week that John Young has been named a special officer on parking meter service and control.

Young will service all of the parking meters, handle collections and write violation tickets. He will also serve as relief clerk in the Driver's License Bureau at the Municipal Building.

Young has been handling the parking meter service as well as the collections for some time.

Governor Seeks Clarification Of Legislative Dist.

May Call Special Vote To Fill House Vacancy

Governor Williams has requested a clarification of the area included in the Third Representative District of Oakland County in connection with a possible special election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Howard Estes.

The Third District, which includes Farmington City and Township, was recently reappointed by the Oakland County Supervisors. A question seems to have arisen over whether the possible election should be held in the District which originally elected Estes or in the newly appointed district. Williams has not committed as to whether a special election will be called.

ESTES resigned from the House of Representatives last month in order to devote full time to his new position as director of the Oakland County Infirmary. The resignation of Estes was timed to afford the Governor an opportunity to call a special election before the 1951 session of the Legislature. Estes' term would have expired in January of 1955.

The original Third District includes the Townships of Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Troy, Lyon, Novi and Farmington. The newly reappointed District includes the Townships of Lyon, Novi, Farmington and Southfield as well as the cities of South Lyon, Farmington, Berkley and Oak Park.

Plan Use Of Gym During Holidays

A special recreation program will be held during the Christmas holidays under the sponsorship of the Farmington Recreation Commission, officials announced Monday.

Arrangements have been made to have the high school gymnasium open during the holidays for free play and organized games. All students from eight years of age up are invited to participate in the program. The following days: December 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; December 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; December 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and from 7 to 10 p.m.; on January 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following times have been reserved for basketball practice: (Continued on Page 5A)

ZONING BOARD APPROVES CHANGE AT OPEN HEARING

The Farmington Township Zoning Board, at a public meeting held in the Town Hall Monday evening, unanimously passed a resolution to rezone a section of property bordering on Northwest Highway near Orchard Lake Road from commercial to light industrial.

The request had been made by Mr. Wendell P. Gee, owner and operator of Detroit Centalux Grinding Company, and his partner, Mr. Torokom Prince.

The property, including an industrial building formerly belonging to the Northwest Brazing Company, was recently purchased (Continued on Page 5A)

Inside Features

Classified Ads.	Page 4A, 5A
Correspondence	Page 4B, 5B
Editorials	Page 2A
Farm Features	Page 5B
Looking Back	Page 2A
Michigan Mirror	Page 2A
Sports	Page 6A
Trojan Banner	Page 7B

Off Street Parking And Ice Box Proposals Introduced At Meeting

Three proposed ordinances, prohibiting the moving of buildings, prohibiting abandonment of ice boxes, and establishing off street parking on private or public property, were introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council, held Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The moving ordinance forbids the transporting of a building or structure from a point or location outside of the city limits to a point or location inside the city limits and prohibits the moving of a building or a structure from a point or location within the city to another location within the city. Failure to comply with the ordinance shall upon conviction be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both.

The second proposed ordinance makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to leave outside of any building, in a place accessible to children, any abandoned, unattended or discarded ice box, without first removing the snap-lock or doors. Persons found guilty under the ordinance are subject to a fine of not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days.

The third ordinance would set minimum requirements for off-street parking on public and private property. The original draft of the proposal was prepared by Councilman James Cavanaugh. The ordinance establishes parking requirements in relation to the type of business and amount of floor-space. All three ordinances will come up for final action at the January 15 meeting.

TWO ORDINANCES, defining a disorderly person and assault and battery, were adopted by the Council. The ordinances were introduced at the last regular meeting of the Council and will become effective on January 11, 1954. The text of the ordinances follows closely the provisions set up by state law.

Two resolutions were also passed and adopted by the Council. One resolution sets aside a previous resolution of October 19, 1952, declaring necessity for new (Continued on Page 5A)

Award Contracts For Water System At Grade School

Plan Westbrook School Opening January 4

At a special meeting of the Clarenceville School Board held last week, action was taken awarding contracts for water service and purification system at the Westbrook Elementary School on Gasmus Street.

The contracts were awarded to the Lloyd S. Thornton Company and Norwest Electric Company. Both contractors are presently engaged in regular work at the new school. The Board had previously authorized the construction of a shallow well and chlorination system on the school property. The installation will also include a storage tank for the purification.

THE BOARD again expressed the hope that the new elementary school would be ready for use by January 4. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that students who will attend classes at the new school are now in other buildings of the District. The Superintendent added that these students will return to their present classes after the Christmas holidays, and new school for room assignment.

Work on the water system will continue through the holidays in (Continued on Page 5A)

P.O. Crisis Over, Trombley States

The crisis is past at the Farmington Post Office, according to Henry Trombley, Postmaster, but there is still plenty of work to be done before the rush is over.

Trombley stated that Monday was the biggest day of the Christmas season and of the year, with a total of 26 pouches delivered to the Post Office. The deliveries prior to Monday had been running between 13 and 15 pouches. Outstanding mail reached its peak during the week end.

The office was open Friday evening and all day Saturday to accommodate the crowd. A portion of the staff was on duty Sunday in the work room sorting and assembling outgoing mail and packing bags.

Trombley pointed out that the (Continued on Page 5A)

City Sets Policy On Press Releases

An informal agreement was reached by the City Council Monday evening, on the establishment of a new policy regarding the release of primary information to the press from city offices.

Following considerable discussion, the Council accepted a suggestion requesting the City Manager to submit a copy of news releases to the Council members prior to forwarding them to the press. The Council stated that this is being done to familiarize the members with news items before they appear in the newspaper. (Continued on Page 5A)

Holiday Mail Jams Post Office



Stuart Ruelle, Farmington Post Office clerk, attempts to make headway against the ever-growing pile of Christmas mail and packages that jammed the Post Office earlier in the week. Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, stated that holiday mail this year is far over any previous record. He added that Monday was the heaviest day of the Christmas rush.