



THE ENTIRE family was present to help make the special "This Is Your Life" program given for Joseph Himmelspach, seated at right, a memorable occasion.

Businessman Feted on Mock 'This Is Your Life' Program

The Farmington Kiwanis Club paid special recognition to Joseph Himmelspach, owner of Himmelspach's Restaurant and the Farmington Dairy, at its regular meeting last week.

A charter member of the local Kiwanis Club and the first president of this organization when it was started back in 1940, Mr. Himmelspach was featured on a special "This Is Your Life" program.

He was presented with a token gift of a cream pitcher as well as a tape recording of the program and a book containing the details of his life.

INFORMATION about his life, telling a real "success story," was revealed during the program.

Joseph Himmelspach was born July 16, 1893, in Parabuch, Hungary, which since the World War I Armistice has been a part of Yugoslavia. He lived a normal life for a lad of that country and that day. His father was a farmer and owner of vineyards and his mother, besides performing the duties of a housewife and mother, was a midwife and doctor's assistant.

Joe attended school until he reached the age of 12 (equivalent to a sixth grade education today). He then became a cabinet-maker's apprentice and went to Vienna to work and study. While here he did cabinet making in the homes of royalty and reportedly created several excellent pieces of woodwork.

In 1907, with the seeds of World War I already sprouting through the ground of international relations, Joe Himmelspach's eyes began turning to the west and the land of opportunity—the United States.

IN 1911, at the age of 18 and with money saved in the soles of his shoes by his father, he set out across the mountains with a group of pilgrims. Arriving in New York City, but unable to speak English, he began work in a hotel and worked himself up from one job to another while studying and saving his money for still greater opportunities to the west. Mr. Himmelspach moved to Detroit later and began work at the Ford Motor Company. Still not content, he took a job as a conductor on the interurban railway running between Detroit and the then little country town, (Farmington); he moved here on January 1, 1921, and started a dairy business in a little farm on Gill Road. At the beginning the business was small. Mr. Himmelspach was bottling only 24 quarts of milk a day and scrubbing the bottles in a wash tub.

The business grew rapidly, however, and it was soon found necessary to move to a location across the street from the present Himmelspach Restaurant, where the Abe Johnson Grocery store is now located.

It was around this time that Mr. Himmelspach gained a reputation as a singer of some note. He went about the community singing solos and also contributed his tenor voice to the Evangelical choir every Sunday.

The dairy business has continued to grow over the years, until today it has become one of the finest dairy product supply outlets in this area. About three years ago, Mr. Himmelspach expanded his interest and opened a modern dining room next to the dairy plant and small lunch-room at the front of his plant.

ACTIVE in the State Kiwanis organization, Mr. Himmelspach served as lieutenant governor of this district, including all of Detroit, in 1944 and was a candidate for Kiwanis President for the entire Michigan District in 1946. He also had an active part in the organization of the Livonia, West Bloomfield and Holly Kiwanis Clubs and was instrumental in keeping the Holly Club intact when it was feared that the club might be dissolved.

A strong supporter of the Boy Scout movement, he was the organizer of a county-wide "Boy Scout Camporee" held at the Farmington City Park in 1953. He was a district commissioner for Boy Scouting at one time and has also been an active supporter of the YMCA.

Himmelspach has been a De-

Local Girl Among Best at Mercy

A heart-felt "thank you" and a warm "hello" will be tendered this evening, November 21, at Mercy College when more than fifty scholarship winners and their generous benefactors meet for the first time.

At a unique banquet arranged at the college, those top grade students who are pursuing their education through the merit scholarship gifts of others, will have the opportunity to personally thank the donors and to demonstrate those leadership qualities which placed them in the select group.

Honored from Farmington will be Marcia Kegan, sophomore, 23-024 Lakeway.

The course of a guided missile could be altered by a speck of sand on a critical bearing.

Blue Star Mothers To Hold Bake Sale

A bake sale, sponsored by the Blue Star Mothers, will be held at Himmelspach's Hardware Store in Farmington this Friday, November 22.

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