

SEASONS GREETINGS

Once a year the world is filled with feelings of peace and joy and "goodwill toward every man."
The Observer pauses today to reflect on this annual phenomenon.
And it is a phenomenon. For this is the time of year when people seem to be the busiest. Shopping, wrapping packages and

addressing that mountain of Christmas cards, all in addition to the regular chores should conspire to make people irritable and short tempered.
Such does not seem to be the case, however.
Why? We don't have the answer. All we know is that it happens once a year.

It seems to be as inevitable as the annual tax bill.
Religious people will say that the phenomenon is due to that event in Bethlehem 1,965 years ago. This might very well be the cause.
However, what about the people who deny the existence of any such event or

the significance attached to it? Maybe it's infectious or maybe that event was and is so important that it affects all humanity.
Whatever the reason The Observer takes this opportunity to wish each and every person the best of the holiday season and a peaceful New Year.
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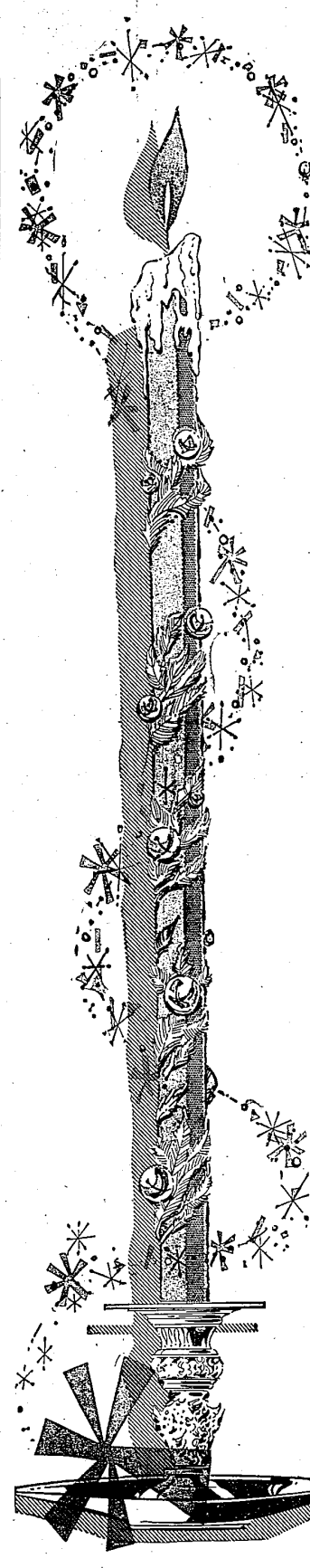
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Clergy Discuss What Christmas Means

By Rev. Thomas P. Beahan
Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows
Many people have attempted to define the true meaning of Christmas. When this happens, it is a sign that the meaning is elusive. The simple truth is often like that. Sometimes, things a child can understand must be made obscure before an adult can grasp them.
The meaning of Christmas for our community of Farmington, whether in 1965 or 1966, is the same as it is for every community in every year of the Christian dispensation.
It is the same as it was for the shepherds of Bethlehem the night of Our Lord's birth. Its lessons and repercussions apply in ancient Baghdad as in modern

Moscow, in the Inner City and in suburban Farmington. The meaning is changeless and eternal: The only begotten Son of God became one of us in time and space to save mankind from Original Sin.
The point of discussion does not lie with the meaning of Christmas, but rather

with its effects on our lives, personally and individually. Are those effects profound or superficial? Are they lasting or ephemeral? Are they welcome or tolerated?
To meet our Saviour half way is out of the question. His generosity is beyond our means to repay.

By WILLIAM J. HOLMES
Chairman of Farmington Ministerial Association
Christmas means many things to many people.
Amidst all of the holiday customs and traditions it is the celebration of a birthday. To celebrate means to honor or observe, as with rites or cere-

monies, by refraining from business, or by exuberant merrymaking.
A birthday celebration is certainly a joyous occasion as the meaning of the person's life who is being celebrated is brought to mind. When we celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln or George Washington we think of the life and deeds of the particular person. We usually remember them as a leader or a president or a general. We hardly mention them as babies.
At Christmas we need to remember we celebrate a man whose life has had an impact on literally millions of people. We remember the life and thought and deeds of a man named Jesus. We must not spend so much time

around the cradle although he must be remembered as a baby, a child. We must give the consideration to his manhood that we give our eminent personalities.
The clue of Jesus' life was that He lived a life that was wholly and unreservedly for his fellow men. He was the "man for others." The way for every man to fulfill his potential manhood was to live for his neighbor.
His followers believed that wherever people took Jesus seriously and the new life He made possible, traditional prejudices would fall away.
His reality is still available for us today.

Principal Appointed at Gill Rd.

Frank Kasun, an Industrial Arts and Remedial Reading instructor at Vestal elementary school in Detroit, has been named the new principal of Gill elementary school in Farmington.

Approval of this appointment came at a special meeting of the Farmington Board of Education Monday evening.
Kasun, 38, is a product of the Detroit Public Schools. He received his BS degree in Arts and Physical Education from Central Michigan in 1961 and an MA in 1958 from the University of Michigan, specializing in Administration and Supervision. Presently he is continuing his education at Wayne State University.

The father of three children and a Detroit resident, Kasun has been active in community affairs, holding the chairmanship of millage and bond drives and responsibility for local and city-wide exhibits.

Other activities include service on the textbooks selection committee, the institute planning committee, chairman of city-wide Industrial Arts committees and the teaching of special ability and ungraded classes. He also is building chairman of the Detroit Education Association.



Sorting canned goods for the Goodfellows are North Farmington seniors Dirk DeLange, 100 boxes of toys, and food, clothing and toy checks valued at more than \$2,000. Goodfellow Chairman Dr. John Richardson expressed his thanks for all who worked on the drive especially Chuck Schulkins and Bill Everhart.

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Cars-Cars! And No Spot to Park

As a pundit once remarked, "One of the biggest problems in the space age, is finding a space to park the car."
The Farmington City Council Monday night dealt with one parking problem after another.

The council unanimously voted to prohibit parking on the west side of Farmington Road from the alley south to Alta Loma. This was possible with the completion of the City off-street parking lot west of Farmington Road north of State Street.
At another time in the meeting the councilmen discussed a plan before the planning commission to develop off-street parking on the north side of Grand River from Hawthorne to Violet. Councilman Ralph

City Council Gives Go Ahead to Flood Plains Rezoning

Confronted with a most conclusive array of facts, the Farmington City Council Monday approved the rezoning of 6.1 acres in the flood plains area, north of Grand River to M-3, multiple family.

Under the present plan the project would consist of 56 double and 35 single units. The buildings would be constructed on columns which would permit parking on the ground level, giving the effect of being on stilts.

Two weeks ago the council had tabled discussion on the property, asking for more detailed reports from City Mayor John D. Dinan.

Monday Dinan reported that

engineers felt the proposed building would be making good use of the land, and would not create problems in flood times; that use of the land for public park sites would be impractical, and financially unfeasible as the value of the land is far above what the city normally pays for park sites.

Councilman Howard Thayer stated that although he had originally opposed the proposal, Dinan's reports would indicate that to refuse to rezone without an alternative use for the property would be wrong and that he would have to reverse his position.

Other councilmen voiced similar opinions and Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton concluded that circumstances seemed to indicate that this was the best possible use of the land.

The motions was made, however, that the rezoning be contingent upon having the owner waive his rights to request a variance to the zoning board of appeals in respect to a decorative wall.

Because of the holiday, rubbish in the City of Farmington north of Grand River Ave., will be collected on Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31. Collection for the rest of the City and for the Township remains unchanged.

Twp. Fines Inspectors

The Farmington Township Trustees dismissed John Drury, the plumbing inspector, and docked four other inspectors a week's pay Monday night following a hearing called to determine what disciplinary ac-

tion should be taken following the failure of the five to report for work last Dec. 9 and 10.

Outstanding Citizen Sought by Jaycees

Who in the Farmington community has contributed the most to solving its problems and meeting its needs during the past year?

The Farmington Jaycees are once again beginning their annual search for the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.

Nominations, which are needed by early January, may be made by contacting Jim Alston at 476-8596 evenings or 386-8550, ext. 324 during the day or by writing to him at 31825 Shawanee, Apt. 21, Farmington.

The award is presented in recognition for particularly outstanding efforts which are put forth by an individual on behalf of one or more community minded organizations, or activities, or service of any kind to the citizens of the area.

Nominations can come only from the community of the City and the Township. When making a nomination please include readily available background on the individual.

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The other four inspectors are: George Crook, Jerry Bonifield, Art Maki and Ray Melvin.

Walter Oliver, a staff member for Council 23, State, County and Municipal Employees of the AFL, CIO, said following the decision that the union would file unfair labor practices against the Township.

Council 23 has been bargaining with the Township administration for the employees since last summer.

Specifically the five were charged with being absent from work without leave on Dec. 9 and 10, to which they pleaded guilty and were so found;

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• Incurring and encouraging other Township employees to absent themselves without leave on Dec. 9 and 10, to which they were found guilty; and

• Direct insubordination in refusing to sign the Building Department time book as directed by the Township Supervisor, to which they were found guilty.

The Township Trustees said that there was no question as to whether or not the men should be paid for Dec. 9 and 10 as they themselves pleaded guilty to that charge.

As a disciplinary measure use for the fact that the men should not be paid for the week's suspension imposed by Township Supervisor Curt Hall, but that their pay should start effective last Monday morning.

In addition to the above Drury was also charged with failing to devote full time to his work and allowing his inspection to fall behind.
On this matter the committee, which was named by Board action last week, stated that Drury was guilty of "gross misconduct" and "dereliction of duty" and because of this dismissed him.
One of the inspection requests—which took 13 days to process according to the records—was the final inspection for the Futur Mill plant which was marked "need for occupancy" when requested.