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Farmington Fires Hit 2 Families

Fires struck two homes in Farmington last week, gutting the front room and kitchen of one and damaging the basement in the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mitchell and their seven children were left homeless when flames gutted the interior of their home at 30954 Drake Rd. Farmington Township, Jan. 5.

Mrs. Mitchell escaped to a neighbor's home with three of the children. Two other children were in school. Mitchell declined offers of aid.

Fire officials, who said that the blaze apparently started in a couch, said that the house was a total loss.

The James Brodie home at 23931 Colchester in the City of Farmington was struck by fire at 4:45 a.m. Jan. 1. City officials said that the fire appeared to have started on the top shelf of an imitation fireplace in the basement.

Officers Rose and Switzer, who were first at the scene, were prohibited from entering the house because of the smoke. They broke the basement windows to allow the smoke to clear in spite of Brodie, who tried to stop them asserting that they were "not firemen."

With the arrival of the City's fire engine, Rose and Switzer entered the basement and extinguished the blaze. Approximately half of the basement ceiling was ripped out to make certain that the fire was out.

No one was injured in either fire.

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| WEDNESDAY, January 18 COOK'S CHOICE | WEDNESDAY, January 18 Chili Burger, Oven Braised Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Raisins and Butter, Milk. |
| THURSDAY, January 19 Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Hot Roll and Butter, Applesauce, Milk. | THURSDAY, January 19 Pizza with Meat and Cheese, Buttered Peas, Baked Bread and Butter, Applesauce, Milk. |
| FRIDAY, January 20 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Orange Juice, Buttered Bread, Green Salad, Dessert. | FRIDAY, January 20 Tamaro Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Milk. |

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FARMINGTON Socially Speaking

by Kathy Ziska GR 4-7261

In somewhat worse circumstances than myself, still sending out Christmas cards, is Olga Miller of Heathstone, who was on her way to the post office when I ran into her to mail a Christmas gift to her mother, Mary Hranko, way up in Manitoba, Canada. Now, that would make me feel somewhat better about the joys of Christmas except Olga had an excuse. Her mother was to be here for the holiday and didn't quite make it, and so the reason for the late posting of the gift.

Had several people stop and ask about the unfinished episode in last week's column where the bus was sighted in the driveway of Phillip and Faye Sills of Beacon Ave. during the pre-holiday season. Space did not permit the ending, so here it is.

The bus transported some precious guests, wheelchair patients from the Plymouth State Training School, for a dinner party with turkey and all the trimmings—guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sills.

Four young fellows, Gary Morrison, 8; Donnie Morrison, Kevin Dogovan and Robbie Dunn, all 11, took the \$10.10 they collected while caroling to the Sarah Fisher Home. Their reward was a beautiful letter from the Sister in charge that their donation was most gratefully accepted and also contained wishes for a happy and prosperous year filled with blessings.

The Botsford Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. James Weldon, 28253 Steel, Farmington, on Monday, Jan. 16, at 11:30 a.m. for a workshop and the regular meeting. Co-hostesses for the day will be Mrs. George Keller and Mrs. Earl Marks.

HOLIDAY PARTY at the home of Ralph and Joanne Harris on Craftsbury provided guests with a very pleasant evening.

Attending the cocktail party were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Girolami, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curme, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker Glick, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. James Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. George Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Mr. and

Abe's Thoughts On 18-Year-Old Vote Sought

The Lincoln Republican Club of Oakland County is sponsoring an essay contest for all Oakland County High School students. The topic is "What Would Lincoln Have Thought of Allowing the Eighteen Year Old to Vote?" The essay should be about 500 words.

All essays should be mailed to Barry M. Grahl, chairman of the essay contest, 24611 Greenfield Road, Southfield, 48075, no later than Jan. 31, 1967.

A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to the first place winner, a \$50 Bond to the second place, and a \$25 Bond to the third place winner.

The winners will be determined by Judge James Thornburn, Eugene Moore, and Norman Barnard.

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