

Christmas Musings

Traditionally the Christmas season is the time of "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

Does this hold true for 1967?

We doubt it. We doubt it not only on international or national levels, but how the statement applies to a 36 square mile area known as "Farmington."

The lack of peace and goodwill is not solely due to feuding between governmental units, although there is more than enough of that.

It's also due to the apathy and lack of concern on the part of the average citizen.

ON THE OFFICIAL governmental scene, distrust is mutual. The township thinks that the city is just waiting to make a predatory grab at its tax base.

In the city, there is a certain smugness that the services are better and that all concerned are slightly "aloof" from "that mess" in the township.

The villages are secure in their belief that they have the best deal of all, and everyone else can fend for himself because they don't care.

All these statements are extreme, but each one has a basis in fact.

It's amazing that such an atmosphere can exist on one level, because on the level of the average citizen, the atmosphere is one of complete unconcern and indifference.

City or township doesn't make much difference to the residents. The attitude of the villages more closely reflects the opinions of the residents.

Thus some of the responsibility for the current chaos of distrust in Farmington is directly due to the residents.

They haven't bothered to make their views known. This is an evasion of their basic responsibility as citizens.

DISTRUST IS SEEN in other areas than governmental feuds.

A cry for help is ignored.

Poverty exists within the area and the comment is that "Farmington doesn't have any problems."

One is forced to lock his car in the parking lots at local shopping centers so that the contents or the vehicle itself are not stolen.

But Farmington is an affluent community which has "no problems"—or better still, it has only "small ones."

HOWEVER, CHRISTMAS is still traditionally the time of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men."

Our wish to each and every one of you is that the transitory feeling of Christmas peace will find its way into your hearts and actions not only for the coming year, but for many years to come.

—Sue Shaughnessy



FASHION PLATES AT COURT — Detroiters James Farris (left) and Thomas Stofflet reflected upon the individual rights of man.

They're 'Individualists'

Two young men whose mod attire and hair styles caused a conversational buzz Friday in Farmington Township Justice Court defined themselves as "individualists" rather than "hippies" as one of the pair appeared before Judge Byron Walter for violation of probation.

Thomas Stofflet, 21, of 19803 Grandview, Detroit, was fined \$25 and costs on this charge stemming from a simple larceny conviction last February. He also made full restitution of \$74 to the complainant, causing Judge Walter to terminate the probation.

Stofflet was accompanied to the courtroom by a personal friend, James Farris, 20, also of Detroit, and both willingly answered questions on what they consider youth's rights of individualism.

"IN PREVIOUS cultures, there was no furor over attire," said the long-haired, bearded Stofflet, who wore a large checked olive jacket with flare trousers to match in a courtroom which one never would confuse with Carnaby Street.

Stofflet told the court that he is employed as a laboratory technician and is the sole support of his mother and sister. It is on this basis that he holds draft deferment, he said.

Farris, who said he is "self-employed in doing sign work" in Detroit's Plum Street section, is a member of the Air Force Reserve and anticipates a call to active duty in January. He said he has no plans to protest the call, and that he "owes it to his family," to report as ordered.

Told of reports that at least one missing girl from Farmington is suspected of having been engulfed in the Plum Street

movement with no word to her parents, Farris stated that he knows of no "communal living."

Kendallwood Komments

By EMILY ORR 474-7499

Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year. Today the yearly caroling will take place in K-4 neighborhood. The kids practiced very hard and many hours. Mrs. O. R. Koltz of Green Willow is the organizer, party giver and hostess of the affair. Last year about 110 youngsters participated.

The carolers will be in the area from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and then they will all go to the home of Mrs. Koltz for a gala party. They exchange gifts and goodies. Hot chocolate is served and then a variety show is presented.

More parties that we shall report. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Campbell of Green Willow had quite a shindig last Friday. At least 28 guests, and there was gift exchange, dancing, etc.

"Happy Birthday" to Rex Baker who was six last week. And a few boys attended a party given in his honor at the home of his parents on Quail Hollow.

Nancy Davis was hostess at a salad luncheon at her home last Tuesday on Hawberry. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Flood were host and hostess at a Champagne Brunch at their home on Bayberry.

Then last Wednesday duplicate bridge group met at her home on Quail Hollow. On Dec. 19 a group of girls met at the home of Mrs. Kathleen Meroon

Green Willow for the annual Christmas Party.

Now for a tidbit on bowling. Last week Christmas prizes were awarded to the girls who rolled over average. Winners of the Wooddale P.T.A. group were Marilyn Blomquist, Patti

Chapman, Betsy Buhday and Alice McCabe. Many parents were guests of honor of Mrs. Chabut's six graders who presented a Christmas Puppet Show...

Merry Christmas again...And a HAPPY NEW YEAR....

NOTICE TO FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

All tax statements for the 1967 personal and property taxes have been mailed as of December 11, 1967. Property owners who have not received their tax statements should contact the Treasurer's Office by calling GR. 4-6115. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For your convenience, we will be open Saturday December 30, 1967 and February 10 and 24, 1968 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Floral Park

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Two new families have recently become residents of Floral Park. Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick O'Leary and their two youngsters have moved into the home at 22809 Violet. Patrick is two years old and Keili is 10 months.

They recently resided in Walled Lake and O'Leary is a biology teacher at North Farmington High.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Redmond, formerly of Livonia, are now residing at their home at 23103 Lilac. Mr. Redmond is retired.

Charles S. O'Connor, of 23149 Floral, is on leave from his position with the Borden Milk Company. On Jan. 1st, his retirement becomes effective. He is to be congratulated, for his 42 years of service.

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