

Meadowbrook Murmurs

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On these ice-frozen mornings we've just one thing to say: We're glad we're a housewife and inside can stay! And after a hazardous trip home Thanksgiving night on mirrored roads, we're all set to spend the entire winter right here in Farmington Township. It wasn't just the four-hour, 100-mile trip that was nerve-racking, either, we forgot to take the most important equipment of all... the diaper bag!

Thanksgiving "at Grandma's house" was worth the entire ordeal, however. Like most families that exist in various cities, we "three little sisters" don't get our families together at one time very often and the nine little-to-16 steps made the rafters ring. One of the oldest, Nephew Tom, has attained the wondrous age of 14 and we really were looking up to him. It wasn't just his past year's growth to six feet, either, but because he has a job. A fact that suddenly has grown him from boy to man. Sister Dred says it seems perfectly natural to hear him speak about the hangers he makes in a dry cleaning establishment, for only just yesterday he was shooting imaginary Tommy guns and throwing "change-makers".

A little girl with a suitcase packed with party dresses, negligees, a majorette uniform, pajamas, and wearing a cute new wool coat and hat will be appearing at the Youth Club's Banquet at the Clarenceville gym a week from tomorrow night. That's December 8, and let's not miss the colorful excitement. The little girl is really a doll and what a doll. Her pretty wardrobe is a sample of Mrs. Allan Hallock's fine artistry with a needle.

It was hard to tell who was most thrilled. Billy Waack or his dad, when Maurice Waack of 2931 Scotten returned from hunting last week. He camped near Legion, Michigan, with friends from Saginaw, and brought back a 125 pound speakeater. There were a lot of "deer-widows" and one of them, at least, claimed to be as weary as her woods-tramping husband. Howard Nelson of List Street and son, Vern of Royal Oak did their hunting near Atlanta and Mr. Nelson spent her "lonely hours" enjoying the family car. She says she went crawling from daybreak to sunset every day.

Mrs. William Eckler left her

UM WAS FIRST TO GIVE ACTUARIAL SCIENCE COURSE

Each year approximately 25 students complete the course in actuarial science at the University of Michigan.

This highly specialized field of the mathematics behind insurance is another of the many educational activities in which the University pioneered. A course on the theory of annuities and insurance, offered by the University's Department of Mathematics in 1902, was the first to be given in actuarial science at any college or university in the United States.

Today's graduates in actuarial science must take 24 hours of instruction in such subjects as mathematics, finance, mathematics of life insurance, probability, mathematical statistics, finite differences, life contingencies and mortality studies.

The graduates usually find excellent jobs awaiting them with insurance companies, government insurance departments and as pension consultants. The work involves the evaluating of risk, figuring premiums and other matters related to setting up insurance plans of all kinds — life, disability, unemployment, hospital and pension.

apartment behind to keep the home free burning for her in-laws, the William Ecklers of Plymouth, who went north for their fourth point. She added a little niece to her charge so was kept so busy she didn't mind not going this year. Her Dad, James Fanzini of List Street, also missed his hunting trip this year because of his wife's ill health.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tor LaFollette who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday, November 28. Their new home on Dresden was "warm"ed too, by the 50 friends and neighbors who were invited in Saturday evening to help them celebrate. The center of attraction in the 20-foot living room was the lovely ice-trimmed madras covered table with its three-tiered wedding cake. Mrs. LaFollette felt like a bride, for they received so many beautiful gifts. Their family presented them with four settings of sterling silver and silverware on their street added a fifth. But the best part of all wasn't the good friends, their new home and fine family, but the fact that they're still as happy as when Thomas Jefferson LaFollette from Indiana met Mildred Hobbs from Little Rock, Arkansas, at the altar of the Detroit Church of Christ, twenty-five years ago.



JUST LOOKING—On the theory that every child is afraid of a new situation, experts on child dentistry suggest that youngsters be permitted to watch the dentist at work on their first visit. Above, three youngsters watch Billy Broski get a going over from Chicago dentist Anthony Malone. On their next visit, the children will be less likely to cut loose with the anguished screams that unnervingly patients in the waiting room.

Mussel Dredging Comes To An End

The business of dredging mussels from Michigan streams for button-making, worth a half-million dollars annually prior to the 1930's, finally has faded into oblivion. More pearl buttons are being made of plastics and ocean shells. Too, mussel dredgers have found little encouragement to keep the industry alive because of more stable employment opportunities available.

The conservation department, which licensed only four dredgers

to operate last year, reports not even one license request this year. As recently as 1946 the department issued 312 licenses and in 1930 the state had 2,460 persons in the business.



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Approve Purchase Of 1,982 Manistee Acres

Purchase of 1,982 acres in Manistee river valley and dedication of same as the Manistee river state game area has been approved by the conservation commission. Acquisitions also approved by the commission.

One hundred acres to be added to the Cannonsburg game area, 40 acres to the Vassar game area and 141 acres to the Rose Lake wildlife experiment station near Lansing.

Nearly two acres on Dickinson island as part of the St. Clair Flats wildlife area.

Fishing access frontage totaling 308 feet on Kent county's Campbell lake, 225 feet on Antrim county's Lake St. Clair, 300 feet on Macomb county's South Manistique lake and 3,600 feet on Pine River in Lake County.

Additions of 344 acres to the Pinckney state recreation area and 25 acres to the Holly recreation area.

Additions of 280 acres to the Searcy river state forest in Marquette county and 49 acres to the Au Sable forest in Kalamazoo county.

EXPERTS TELL HOW PORTABLE HEATERS MAY BE USED SAFELY

"A portable heater is a portable fire," the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out in urging extra care with these devices, which have caused many disastrous blazes.

Many heaters are manufactured with safety factors in mind, the organization says. In selecting new heaters, buyers should insist on evidence that the heater is listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., which means the device has been tested for safety.

Users should follow the manufacturers' directions carefully, and use only those fuels for which the heater was designed.

The heater should be placed on a level floor, to reduce the danger of tipping, and should not be located near curtains, furniture, or other combustibles.

It is dangerous to carry the heater when it is lighted, and it should never be filled when lighted. It should be refilled outdoors.

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