



Around The Block

A COUPLE OF DAYS . . .
From now, three to be exact, we can turn over a new leaf and start writing the history of 1951. It is a time also to begin thinking about those new year's resolutions, the ones we jot down and then forget all about. Only this year let's try and remember them, a few of them, anyway. The ones that spell more community spirit, more friendliness, more democratic action, more individual responsibility. These are things you and I can do. Let's make our resolutions now and remember them for 365 days in 1951.

THIS TUESDAY . . .
January 2, is election day in Farmington. It is a day you are expected to be at the polls. Don't disappoint yourself or your neighbors by not being there. You will select nine City Charter Commissioners who will draft a new city charter for Farmington. It is important business because these elected officers will draw up the laws that you will have to live by in the years to come. The purpose of the Charter Revision is to make way for city manager government in Farmington, so you will want to select the candidates you think best qualified to do the job. Do your job now and you will save the complainants later. Vote next Tuesday, January 2. It's your city and this is your business.

LIKE BASKETBALL . . .
And all the trimmings that go with it! Then get down to the Farmington High School gym this Friday evening and enjoy yourself. The Falcons will be playing the fast-moving River Rouge five and besides that, they will be out to average the defeat they suffered last Friday at River Rouge. The Falcons will appreciate your support, and you will see some real basketball, too. Why not plan right now to be there, enjoy yourself and cheer for your hometown team?

A REAL CHRISTMAS . . .
Had by all in our community, thanks to the Farmington Goodfellows and the many civic and service organizations. Because of these folks, that warm Christmas glow still lingers in Farmington. These are the kind of stories we like to write and these people that are our neighbors are the ones we can't thank enough. They give any community a heart and that is one thing any community, like any person, needs to survive. It makes us all glad that we live where we do and have the pleasure of associating with these people that make up our hometown.

NOW THAT . . .
December 25 is past, and the kids are tired of their new toys, maybe Dad will finally get a chance to work them over without having constant interruption by the small fry who want to run their own electric trains, etc. There is absolutely no denying that Christmas toys are strictly for adults. They generally have to be sold to adults, consequently must appeal to the more mature (2) minds. Besides, the toy makers are doing a much better job now than when we were younger, and who's to appreciate it better than grown-ups? However, we have heard of some rather far-fetched examples of adults' predominance at toy consumption. Some gentlemen were telling us of the gentleman who bought a \$150 electric train for his young son, not quite two. Bet he had fun. (Dad, we mean.)

AND ONCE AGAIN . . .
The pocketbook is going to get a swift kick before it can get a chance to recover. The kick comes in the form of the city tax bill. We noticed the City Clerk, Harry Moore, and his sidekick, City Treasurer Mrs. Ralph Ocker, turning the things out an masse Tuesday when we were over at the city hall. They were all smiles, and they had, and they are all coming out in the mail real quick. Cheerful thought, isn't it?

SUNDAY NIGHT . . .
As Archie says, "Leave us face it!" We're in for a whole lot of whooping and hollering when the New Year comes in. Kindly do not go out with the old one. If you've ever had a trip to a party on New Year's Eve "spilled" for you by the sight of an accident, think back on it. If you are in that accident, it'll spoil some one else's party and ruin yours, maybe forever. So kindly take it easy and join us again next year. Remember to keep the antifreeze in the radiator where it belongs, and watch out for That Crazy Driver, even though he may be fast asleep in a parked car.

Prepare Requests For School Aid

Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarencoville Schools, stated Tuesday that applications for Federal aid on both construction of new school buildings and school operation are expected to be filed soon.

Officials are now working on the composite reports based on the survey now being taken in the District. Schmidt added that returns on the survey cards sent to parents have been very good, particularly in the grade school level. The superintendent stated that school districts can receive aid for construction of new buildings and school operation where the increase in enrollment is due to military preparedness. The survey is being conducted to determine the percentage of students enrolled in the Clarencoville Schools whose parents came to the area to work in war production plants during the last war and since and have remained here.

Schmidt stated that school officials were sure that at least 95 per cent of the increased enrollment is due to military preparedness. He stated that about 80 per cent of the survey cards have been returned from parents whose youngsters are in the elementary grades while only about 50 per cent have been returned from parents of high school youngsters.

Schmidt emphasized that there is no assurance that the District will receive aid from the Federal Government, but that applications would be filed requesting aid, along with the necessary information.

The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

SIXTY-THIRD YEAR — NUMBER 12

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1950



FIVE CENTS A COPY

COMPLETE WITH A COPY OF "SURVIVAL UNDER ATOMIC ATTACK"

THE OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT BOOK

heritage. The pictorial representation of the apartment of 1951 was put together by The Enterprise photographer, who used Holte Matt John Ots, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ots, as model.

Goodfellows' Job Reaches Record Proportions

Group Makes Nearly \$1,600 On Paper Sale

Farmington Goodfellows received a record amount of assistance this year with their job of taking care of Farmington's needy families during the holidays. A total of \$1,584.84 was realized in Goodfellow paper sales, and another 1323 cans of foodstuffs were turned over to the organization.

Falcon Five Suffers Third Loss Of Season To River Rouge, 61-42

Farmington's basketball team suffered its third loss of the season Friday evening when they dropped a 61 to 42 decision to River Rouge in a holiday series on the River Rouge floor.

Cash receipts this year were all much again as large as last year's collections, and foodstuff donations were nearly double 1949's. However, this year's Goodfellow burden was also greater than last year's.

Jim Bates was high point man for Farmington with 9 points, followed by Bob Hutton with eight points. Coach Robert Hutton started Jim Bates and Art Olson at forward, Doug Thompson at center, and Bob Hutton and Don Bunge at guards. Other Falcons to see action during the game were: Dick Tyler, Jerry Plum, Al Hallman, Willard Mitchell and Gary Dryden.

KIWANS OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED NEXT WEDNESDAY

Newly elected officers of the Farmington Kiwanis Club will be officially installed next Wednesday, January 3, at the annual installation banquet to be held at Huck's Redford Inn.

Santa Talks To 300 Kids During Visit Saturday

Approximately 300 boys and girls visited Santa Claus last Saturday afternoon during his annual visit to Farmington.

Roger Babson Predicts National Income Will Reach All Time High In '51

By ROGER W. BABSON

1. Excluding defense orders, the total business volume in 1951 will be less than that for 1950. However, national income in 1951 will be the highest ever recorded, as war orders take the place of peace production and high prices prevail.

2. The outstanding feature of 1951 will be the ever-increasing interdependence of the government in the lives of businessmen and consumers.

3. The Administration and its economic advisors are firmly convinced that radical inflation is about to break out next year. But the "brain trusters" are overlooking the fact that the boom is already old and that it is creating badly when the Korean War broke out. War postponed the downturn which would have taken place much sooner. The date of the slide has only moved ahead.

4. Rushing to catch up on its neglected defense program, the Administration is anxious to shrink business volume to an unnecessary degree. Efforts at first will be along the line of tighter credit curbs, such as restrictions on mortgage and installment loans and increased bank reserve requirements.

5. As 1951 wears on, the effect of credit controls will cause a decline in legitimate business. Civilian production will decline more than armament production will increase. The public may then cry, "This is a government-made slump; let's get rid of the controls!"

6. If in 1951 it becomes evident that business is declining too fast as a result of government curbs, the planners at Washington may rush their patient into an oxygen tent.

LABOR OUTLOOK WILL CONTINUE TO BE BRIGHT

7. Most labor groups will not be successful in getting a sixth round of wage increases in 1951. Although there may be more strikes in the first part of 1951, there will be fewer for the whole year as compared with 1950.

8. Tightness in the labor supply will be continued as the year wears on, particularly of highly-skilled workers.

9. The Fiat-Hardley Law will not be repealed during 1951 but may be amended. The Administrators of the law will continue to wink at some of its clauses.

10. Wholesale prices of many commodities will be marked by a mild decline in 1951 when compared with the price level for December 31, 1950. In some lines the drop may be quite steep from the high level of 1949. The retail price for 1951, I do not now forecast.

11. The year 1951 should prove an excellent time to keep a tight grip on inventories. Commodity speculation for the size will not pay in 1951. Furthermore, our expanding stockpiles of strategic materials present a real price threat in the event of a peace scare. Such stocks could then act strongly as a depressant on prices.

12. The cost of living will remain high during 1951. This prediction recognizes that living costs next year may be above the lower level that existed during the first half of the year now closing.

FARM OUTLOOK GOOD

13. Farmers' income for 1951 should average no less than that for 1950. Since the trend in the first half of 1950 was down, this forecast is not so optimistic as it might otherwise seem, for there is likely to be a weakening of the farmers' income position during the (Continued on Page Seven)

City Voters To Elect Charter Commissioners Next Tuesday

POST OFFICE SLOW TO RECOVER FROM MAIL AVALANCHE

The Farmington Post Office was still digging out from under a record holiday avalanche of mail on Tuesday, when postal clerks went back to work after the Christmas holiday.

Incoming mail arrived in greater quantities than ever before. Farmington's Postmaster Norman C. Lee said Tuesday. Asked how long it would take for "business as usual" to prevail in the office, the postmaster said it depends on "how long we can keep the back door closed." The arrival of heavy Christmas mail isn't expected to ease off until the end of this week.

No computation of the amount of stamp cancellation will be available until the end of this week.

Nine Members To Be Elected From A Field Of 15 Candidates

Citizens of the City of Farmington will go to the polls next Tuesday, January 2, to elect nine members to the newly authorized Charter Commission.

The Commission will begin immediately after the election to draft a new charter for the City of Farmington. The Charter Commission question was initiated by the City Commission in order that a city manager form of government might be formed. The people approved the revision of the charter at the November General Election by an overwhelming majority.

The Commission will begin immediately after the election to draft a new charter for the City of Farmington. The Charter Commission question was initiated by the City Commission in order that a city manager form of government might be formed. The people approved the revision of the charter at the November General Election by an overwhelming majority.

Zoning Ordinance Draft Started

Work has begun on the preliminary draft of a new zoning ordinance for Farmington Township, it was announced Tuesday by Edward Moseman, chairman of the Township Zoning Board.

Moseman stated that the Board expects to complete the draft shortly after the first of the year. The chairman stated that the drafting of the ordinance will take some time and the Board is anxious to take plenty of time in preparing the ordinance. Moseman has stated previously that every effort would be made to draft a short, easily understood ordinance.

The Board will hold its next regular meeting January 5 at the Farmington Town Hall. The Board did not meet Tuesday following Christmas, nor will they meet next Tuesday. The public is encouraged to attend any of these regular meetings.

Moseman added that a number of public meetings will be held at the Town Hall during the drafting of the ordinance has been completed. In addition, the full draft, including the zoning map of the Township, will be published prior to an election on the question. The Board has indicated that it will use all means possible to publicize the text of the ordinance so that every one in the Township will be familiar with its provisions.

Gary Bartsch, 7, of 20713 Inver Road, had three fingers chucked from his tongue by a stray dog last Wednesday.

Dog Warden Warns Against Rabies

E. F. Ballou, Township Dog Warden, warned last week that "late winter and spring are the worst months for rabies." Ballou said that although summer time brings more interest to the disease because the number of dog bites increases, more cases of rabies are found in the winter than in the summer.

Ballou is unable to cope with the number of stray dogs roaming the township, he says. "Some of them have owners, but they're hard to find." He reminds township residents Tuesday of the state law which requires all dogs be kept under the immediate control of the owner.

According to Ballou, there are no less than three stray dogs for every house in Farmington Township. However, he is prohibited by law from destroying or picking up dogs without a signed complaint from a township resident.

Wins D.A.R. Award

Gail Maidment has been selected as this year's D.A.R. "Good Citizen" of Farmington High School.

Gail was secretary of her class in her sophomore year and was a member of the Student Council in her freshman, junior and senior years. This year she was elected secretary of the Council.

She has helped to put on both Junior and Senior plays and was prompter of the Senior play. She is also editor of the 1951 yearbook.

Each year the Senior Class chooses by vote three girls who possess the following qualities to be outstanding citizens: Dependability, which includes truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality. Service, including cooperation, courtesy and consideration of others. Leadership, in which personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility are considered. Patriotism, including unselfish interest in family, in school, in community and nation.

From the three girls chosen, the faculty then selects the girl to receive the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award.

Gail will go to the State Conference to compete with other winners for the national center. One girl from Michigan will be chosen for this honor.

Inside Features

Blue and White	Page 10
Calendar of Events	Page 12
Classified Adv.	Page 6, 7
Correspondence	Page 3, 4, 5
Editorials	Page 2
Farm Features	Page 11
Locals	Page 9
Michigan Mirror	Page 2
Waukegan Merry-Go-Round	Page 2
Looking Back	Page 2