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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## STATE'S PRISON AT JACKSON

Under Warden Simpson, As  
Seen By Ex-Gov. Warner on  
His Recent Visit There.

Warden Simpson, who recently retired from the position as warden of Jackson prison, received his appointment December 29, 1910, by the unanimous vote of the prison board, composed of Ex-Governor Warner and his appointees, G. W. Merriman, John H. Haggerty and John Q. Adams.

Mr. Warner, in an interview the first of the week said: "If ever a man has made good in a public position N. H. Simpson has, and Michigan has certainly lost an efficient official, but Simpson will make good anywhere. He is honest, a hustler, a good organizer and has lots of ability and common sense. That succeeds anywhere, as I told the board six years ago when I urged his appointment.

"He has made improvements in every department and originated many new ones. The binder twine plant has shown great results; also the 'prison honor farms,' which in my last legislative message I strongly urged the establishment of. Under Warden Simpson these farms have proved their worth in the moral uplift of the men placed on them—trusted inmates of the prison being worked out on the several farms. They live and care for themselves in the farm homes without guards, having not even bars on the windows.

"Selected men, as high as 250 in number, are placed upon their honor, and for four years the number of escapes has been less than 1 per cent. The farms, especially as carried on by Warden Simpson, have furnished the best possible training for the men.

"The value of the pack of vegetables and fruit of the state canary is \$100,000 annually, \$30,000 being obtained from 80 acres of wax beans.

"All the prison farms have been improved—miles of drain tile laid, many acres of worthless land made tillable, large herds of beef cattle, as well as over 200 dairy cows being kept. The latter supply all the milk and butter needed in the prison, while the surplus of the beef herds are sold on the markets, the hides of those slaughtered stock the new tannery, which supplies leather for the institution, for shoes, belts, etc.

"Immense quantities of ensilage are fed, coming largely from the products of the canning factory. Poultry raising is extensively carried on at the different farms, each farm having a separate breed.

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now making the successful record that I thought was possible after visiting the Minnesota prison plant in 1907, and later urged one for Michigan.

"The new dormitory, just completed, is a great addition, and contains 64 rooms 16x27, with shower baths and complete in every way to take care of 400 men, with school rooms on the upper floor. The many farm homes and new dormitory show that the men are better housed and cared for than ever before.

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### Dr. E. F. Holcomb Honored.

At the annual banquet and meeting of the Oakland County Medical society last Thursday evening at the Pontiac Board of Commerce rooms, Dr. E. F. Holcomb, of this village, was elected president of the association.

Dr. Frank S. Bachelor, of Pontiac, was chosen as vice president, and Dr. F. B. Geris secretary and treasurer.

There were 23 physicians present at the meeting.

### Your Calendar Order.

With the beginning of the new year calendar salesmen commence soliciting for 1917 calendars. Most of our business men use them. The Enterprise will have a line of samples equal to any and perhaps superior to most of the out-of-town solicitors, and we want your order.

We can sell them at as good if not better price than the traveling salesmen, as we do not have to add traveling expenses to the price, or the salary of an agent. We will call on you later. Kindly hold your order for us, and we will greatly appreciate it. Of course, if you wish to patronize out-of-town salesmen that is your privilege, but we need the order, and providing we can do as well by you as the outsider, we think we are entitled to it.

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## DID NOT ISSUE WARRANT

Pontiac Paper gets "Wrong Tip" on attempted Burglary

## CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Good Programs and a Merry Time Participated in by the Local Societies.

In the Pontiac paper of Wednesday December 20th, appeared an article regarding the parole of one Dennis Breen, who was sentenced from the county of Wayne, for blowing the safe at Woodmere cemetery, and arrested upon the same cemetery, and arrested upon the same day.

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### Fourth Annual Party.

The second dancing-party of the season will be given by the Eastern Stars at the Town-Hall next Monday evening, January 1st, when their fourth annual ball takes place.

The hall will be appropriately decorated, the floor in the best of condition, and the music, which will be furnished by Finzel's orchestra, of Detroit, excellent.

Invitations were issued last week, and the party promises to be the "event of the season."

### A Close Call.

Wednesday morning the house of Mrs. G. B. Reading, in the Warner subdivision at the east end of town was discovered to be filled with escaping coal gas from the furnace just in time, in all probability to avert a serious if not fatal development for the members of the family.

Mrs. Reading, her son and mother Mrs. Kent, quite an elderly lady, were very nearly asphyxiated, when the grandmother awakened enough to call the other members of the family, whereupon the son, Avery, managed to dress and start for the nearest telephone.

Upon reaching the sidewalk the boy fell down nearly overcome, but finally managed to rally enough to reach a phone and call for medical help, which was soon forthcoming, and the victims made as comfortable as possible.

At this writing all are getting along nicely, although they had a narrow escape.

Find new home for sale by Fred M. Warner.

## ANOTHER BIG IMPROVEMENT

Cook & Company Will Rebuild and Remodel Their Store.

The M. E. exercises last Friday evening at the Town Hall was one of Farmington's most enjoyable events, the rendering of the beautiful Christmas Cantata "Foxy Santa," by the members of the Sunday school being fine.

There were about seventy participants, which included "The Orphans," "Five Jack Frosts," "The Snow Fares," "Santa's Military Band,"—ten generous and warmhearted young people filled to the brim and overflowing with the Christmas spirit. A dozen little girls who wrote letters to Santa, the spicy and well meaning postman, the invisible choir, and last but not least, "Foxy Santa" herself.

The play was certainly a credit to the committee who had it in charge, which included Mrs. Miller, Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. N. Whipple, Mrs. Pauline, Mrs. Pierce Mr. and Mrs. Priestley, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Harger and Murray Moore. Each one had a share, and the rendering of parts, the splendid singing of our young people, proved that much care and time had been spent in training.

After the cantata a splendid Christmas tree was unburdened of its gifts, and as a final treat every child in the hall was presented with a large luscious orange, a gift from the school.

All departed to their respective homes feeling the evening had been well spent, and each carrying the beautiful mirth which the happy Christmas represented at the happy Christmas time.

The exercises at the Baptist church Saturday evening were well rendered and very enjoyable. The people on the program, both little and big, entertained the large audience that gathered at the church in a very pleasing manner.

The beautifully decorated Christmas tree, which stood at one side of the platform, presented a fine appearance, and many were the presents on and surrounding it.

Santa Claus was there of course, which pleased the youngsters in a small degree, and every one was filled with the Christmas spirit.

Sunday evening occurred the Christmas tree and exercises at the German church.

The tree was beautifully and profusely decorated with trimmings and presents.

The church was filled with parents and children, whose smiling faces, were plain evidence that the Christmas time was one of joy and happiness.

The program was nicely carried out, some of it spoken in English, the rest in German. After the distribution of presents all departed, having enjoyed a very pleasant and uplifting Christmas service.

Oscar Smith, one of Redford's "grand old men," died at his home there last week.

Floyd Blakeslee has been appointed assistant prosecutor by Prosecuting Attorney Gillespie, and John McDonald chief deputy to Sheriff O. H. P. Green.

\$1.00 gets the Enterprise for a whole year—only 2c a day.

## LITTLE WANT ADS

MEADOWVIEW FARM—Jersey Cattle. John Morris. 8-11p

FOR SALE—Fourteen pigs, some Beaus and Hay. George V. Conroy. 71f

FOR SALE—White Giant Potatoes good cookers, \$2.00 per bushel. Inquire of C. H. Ely. 31f

FOR SALE—Full Bred Rhode Island Red Cockrels. Call Boys Home, Farmington, phone 41W3-811.

HOUSE TO RENT—On electric car line. Steam heated. Inquire Harry McCracken or Fred Warner. 51f

For Sale—A new modern six or eight room house is offered by Fred M. Warner at a reasonable price and on easy terms.

WANTED—Casings of all sizes to Vulcanize by the latest improved machinery. Satisfaction guaranteed. Clyde H. Adams, phone No. 33, Farmington.

FOR SALE—The Warner farm offers at reasonable prices, 2 Holstein Bull Calves (can be registered); Also 1 grade Holstein Heifer Calf. Call and look them over.

FOR SALE—House and lot known as the Chamberlin place; Grand River, third house east of lumber yard. Price \$3,000; \$1,950 cash. Balance \$50 per year, with 5 per cent interest. Charles Tunis, 202 Horton avenue, Detroit. 8-31p.

## Notice to the Public

On and after January 1, 1917, we will do a strictly cash business at our garages.

Positively no credit extended to anyone.

GIRL R. ELY

HENRY W. LEE & SONS.

## Taxes Due

I now have the tax roll for the township of Farmington in my hands for collection of state and county taxes, and until further notice you can pay your taxes at my office in the Schroeder meat market, on Friday and Saturday of each week, during banking hours.

L. F. SCHROEDER

Treasurer.

Dated December 8, 1916.

## Attention Owners or Occupants.

The attention of the residents of Farmington is hereby called to the village ordinance requiring owner or occupants of property in the village to keep their sidewalks free from snow, dirt or other obstructions. A fine of \$10 or five days in the county jail is provided for the non-compliance of this ordinance.

GEORGE FRANCIS, Marshal.

## Use Of Firearms

The use of firearms or airguns is prohibited within the limits of the village of Farmington. The marshal is authorized by a village ordinance to cause the arrest of any person violating the provisions of this ordinance.

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