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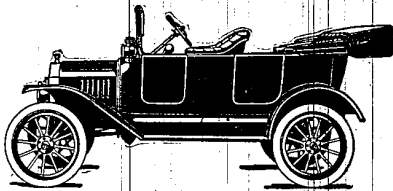
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WILL ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE

With the beginning of the year, as we have stated for the past few weeks the price of the Enterprise will be advanced to \$1.50. This move is made necessary by the advanced prices of everything pertaining to the publication of a newspaper, and a majority of the papers all over the state have been forced to make the raise, and all will have to "come to it" sooner or later.

We could have met the advance by cutting down the size and quality of the Enterprise and leaving the subscription price at the old dollar mark, but such a step was not in line with our endeavors since coming here. We have always tried to improve wherever it was possible, and make a "better local paper," and we did not believe our readers and friends would take kindly to a "step backward" at this time—hence the small raise in price.

Many of our subscribers have already paid up to one and two years, and many new names have been added during the past two weeks. Nearly everyone has had a good word for our efforts in making the Farmington Enterprise the best possible, and a number who are paid into the summer have informed us that they would wait until their time expired and renew at the advanced price.

Only three days remain to secure a year's subscription for a dollar, and if you desire to save fifty cents don't neglect to come in.

We will continue to improve the paper whenever opportunity presents itself, and our goal will

be "the best home paper in Oakland county."

DISEASE SUPERSTITIONS

The belief is still common among primitive and unlearned people that there is a specific remedy for every disease—an herb for every ill. The people must be taught that disease is not an accident or a dispensation of Providence or the infliction of an evil spirit, but the result of environment, the result of lack of proper living. They must learn that health does not return by magic or by magic compounds, but must be restored by personal battle with disease. The greatest weapon of defense is education. Read and study the health questions of the day and be a leader in the fight. The leading magazines and newspapers of the country are devoting much space to the subject in order that an enlightened community will be ready to stay the dread of disease epidemic. It is too late after an epidemic has appeared. Start now and learn how to prevent its appearance. Every community meeting or social gathering should have at least one live health topic discussed.

HELP REGISTRANTS

The committee for helping registrants in answering the "questionnaires" being sent out by the government has been kept busy the past week.

The questionnaires being answered by the men subject to draft contain simple questions, but a large number of them, and after filling in all the blanks—which each man must do—many men realize that there is "something to their history"—in fact, they amount to more than they ever dreamed of.

The "questionnaires" are of such character, however, that large portions of the eligibles will require help to answer the questions properly. This personal pamphlet by the way, is the most prodigious clerical task ever undertaken by any government. It is planned to carefully and thoroughly tabulate 9,000,000 names in 60 days, and to do this thousands of clerks are necessary, working day and night shifts. The object is to get the right angle on every man eligible for military service, avoid injustice and insure quicker action after the names are recorded.

The 93 inmates of the Oakland County Farm were served with a chicken dinner, nuts and candies on Christmas day. Many gifts were also presented by a number of societies.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS.

Had Its Origin in Germany and is Spreading Here Rapidly.

The celebration of the "community Christmas" in this country originated in a dinner table conversation of a group of artists in New York in 1912. One of the group, a young man who had just returned from study in Germany, was enthusiastic over the community festivals there, and the transplanting of the celebration to the United States had its birth at that time. The first community Christmas tree in this country was the Madison square "Tree of Light" in 1912. Various factors in the life of New York as a community contributed to the arrangement and financing of the tree. Since then the custom has spread to hundreds of cities, towns and villages, which have adapted the idea to their particular needs and circumstances and plan to make it a permanent establishment. The custom has existed in Germany for many years, is in fact an old German tradition and "feast." Specific information as to "what to do and how to do it" in planning and organizing a community festival may be obtained by addressing "The Tree of Light," Postoffice Station G, New York city.

Christmas Island.

Christmas Island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Christmas Time, by Shakespeare.

Some say that ever against that season comes
Whence our Saviour's birth is celebrated
The bird of dawn singing all night long.
And then they say, no spirit dare stir abroad:
The nights are wholesome; then no plan-
ets strike.
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm.
No hallow'd or gracious is the time.
—Hamlet, Act I, Scene I.

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Items of Interest From the Surrounding Country. Gleaned by Our Correspondents.

Powers Station

Lizzie Wick was home Christmas day.

Mrs. Bradley's sister visited her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Closson entertained company from Detroit the latter part of last week.

A fine entertainment was given by the teachers and pupils of the Thayer school last Friday night.

Harry Simmons and sister, Mrs. William Greer, took in the Christmas exercises at the church at Novi Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Greer and little son Kenneth spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, at Waterford.

James Tucker took Christmas dinner with his mother in Detroit. His brother, Frank, from Camp Custer, was also home.

Mrs. Riley Wolfroth was at Northville Thursday. We are so glad to hear she is able to be out again, after so much sickness.

Novi News Items.

Mrs. Booth, from Ohio, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Augell.

Mrs. Hyde and son Alford, from Northville, visited in town over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Halsted spent Christmas day at T. H. Johns, at Walled Lake.

Perry Taylor, from Camp Custer, was home from Saturday until Tuesday morning, when he had to return to camp.

Mrs. Kate Simmons and daughter, from Pontiac, and son Wallace, who is home from the Great Lakes navy, visited over Christmas at Mrs. Josh Root's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Walter and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carran, in Detroit, and Christmas day at the home of W. A. Walter, in Northville.

Huber Bopru, from the Great Lakes training camp, was home for his Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bourne, until Thursday morning, when he had to return.

A Christmas tree was held at the Baptist church Monday evening, with a program, and had a good attendance. A collection was taken for the "Armenian and Syrian relief" and \$45 was raised.

Representative E. R. Bathrick died at his home at Akron, Ohio, last Sunday. His sister, Mrs. D. Donelson, has been with him the past two weeks, and his death came as a sudden shock to all. He is well known here, as he spent several days here at the home of his sister, Mrs. Donelson this summer, and organized the "Board of Trade" here.

To Non-Subscribers

Subscribe for the Enterprise now. From now on and for months to come this paper will be publishing letters from our boys in camp and at the front, and much other news regarding them. You will want to know how they are faring and the best and cheapest way to do this is by becoming a regular reader.

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ents and friends of boys in the army or navy not to hesitate in bringing in letters for publication. We shall be glad to publish them so that all the friends of the boys may know how they are getting along.

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Probate Order

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the Fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hannah VanAlstyne, deceased. George Francis, Administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate and the discharge of said administrator. It is ordered, that the

Twelfth Day of January, A. D. 1918, at 2:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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