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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER

This week we present our annual Christmas edition. It comprises sixteen pages filled with local news selections appropriate for the Christmas season and a liberal amount of advertisements and greetings from merchants and business firms of this vicinity.

The merchants have laid in a fine stock of Christmas goods. Read their announcements. Many good suggestions for solving your Christmas problems will be found in them.

CHRISTMAS ALMOST HERE

Shop early. These words are to the coming of Christmas what the first swallow is to the approach of summer. They have already heralded the approach of Christmas and the public is heeding the call.

And they are welcome words. Quite as joy-giving as a Christmas greeting. Who does not derive great pleasure and much excitement from Christmas shopping? During the "shop early" days the stores are veritable fairgrounds and treasure houses. Stocks are never more alluring, more tastefully displayed and more ample than during the Christmas shopping season. One waits for the Christmas stock announcements of the stores and shops with that excited anticipation with which children look forward to the coming of Santa Claus.

Of course the shopper helps the merchant and his sales folk by shopping early, but the richer reward is reaped by the shopper. Everybody benefits from the abolition of the eleventh hour rushes, by the general observance of the "shop early" plea and for the buyer there are the added advantages of first choice, fresh stocks, larger assortment and shopping leisure.

Every merchant's personal pride in his Christmas stock and wants his customers to see them at the best advantage. Annually he exerts every effort to improve on his counter and in his show cases merchandise peculiarly suitable for gift purposes and he regrets as much to the public that the Christmas Eve shopper is denied as wide a choice as those farsighted folk who begin their Christmas shopping in November.

F. & A. M. OFFICERS

At a regular communication of Farmington Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 143, held Monday evening, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Howard Ejsenford, W. M.
William Way, S. W.
James A. Eastman, J. W.
John H. Thayer, Treasurer.
James L. Hogle, Secretary.
Erskine W. Evans, S. D.
Ralph J. Aulen, J. D.
William H. Zwalen, Steward.
Algermon L. Ross, Steward.
Frank L. Lee, Tyler.
Chas. L. Wilson, Chaplain.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

All records for early winter Ford sales were broken during November when 146,783 passenger cars and trucks were delivered to retail customers in the United States. This is an increase of approximately 25,000 over the November sales a year ago.

And they are welcome words, larity of the improved Ford passenger cars is shown in the increasing number in the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, which have risen to unprecedented numbers. During November a total of 31,425 persons enrolled under the plan and began paying on cars more than twice as many as enrolled during the same month last year.

As the holidays approach deliveries of cars to customers who have been buying them under the Weekly Purchase Plan are increasing. Some began paying on their automobiles as long as a year ago, others during the early spring and summer months, long before the improved Ford types were introduced. All now benefit in the convenience and comfort afforded by the improved cars and their increased value, without any additional cost.

Regular meeting of O. E. S. this Friday evening.

BANDIT ROBBS

FARMINGTON RESIDENT

William H. Walters, who owns and operates an oil station at the intersection of Auburn and Dodge roads was held up and robbed Saturday evening by a lone bandit.

Mr. Walters was leaving the station earlier than usual and was crossing the road to get his car, parked in a barn opposite, when a man on foot called to him. Not paying attention at first he finally turned around to find himself looking into the point of a gun with orders to "stick 'em up." He was relieved of from \$25 to \$30, but the bandit overlooked some \$50 Mr. Walters had in another pocket, probably due to the appearance of Edward Dunham, a nearby resident, who was also ordered to throw up his hands but had little money.

The bandit escaped on foot but it is thought he had a car hidden near. Deputy officers from Pontiac soon arrived on the scene but no trace of the robber was found.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL TO GIVE XMAS PARTIES

The Methodist Sunday School is planning a Christmas program for next Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at Farmington Community Hall. A feature of the evening will be a cantata, arranged by Mrs. Elmer Switzer and Mrs. Howard Osmus of the entertainment committee. Mrs. J. A. Miller has charge of the decorations.

Instead of the customary Christmas tree there will be a white gift distribution. Each class of the Sunday school have appointed a gift bearer who will bring forth the Christmas gifts for their class.

The primary department of the Sunday school, in charge of Miss Mildred Adams will enjoy their Christmas party, Thursday afternoon, at the church. All members and their mothers are invited.

OAKLAND COUNTY LAKE AREA IS DEVELOPED

That the big project for development of lake properties in Milford and Commerce townships of Oakland county will logically include within its scope most of the properties now being developed individually in Waterford township is the opinion of William H. Ball, president of the Ball-Hershey company, Transportation building.

The Ball-Hershey company is now developing for sale the Crescent Lake Country club subdivision, fronting on the Elizabeth Lake road, where it skirts the shores of Crescent Lake in Waterford township.

"The chain of lakes including Proud Lake, Bass Lake and Commerce Lake also includes Crescent Lake and the other lakes in Waterford township," said Ball Saturday.

"We were consulted early in the effort to arrange the development around Milford, and have supported the project because we believe it will not only be of immense value to the section, involved but will also add greatly to the desirability of Waterford township properties."

JONES-LORD

Howard I. Lord of Farmington and Evelyn J. Jones of Hadley, were united in marriage Monday evening, December 14, by Rev. E. W. Palmer, pastor of the Baptist Church, at his home on Thomas street. They were attended by the bride's brother, William Jones and Edith Strong of Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord are leaving for a trip south to Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit with Mr. Lord's brother and family.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A real musical treat is in store for those who attend next Sunday evening services at the J. E. Church. The music committee, with A. L. Ross as chairman has arranged for a special program of Christmas music. Arthur Applin, the choir leader will be present and outside talent has been secured. The public is invited.

Enterprise Liners will sell it.

To the Spirit of Christmas

by Thomas Taylor

THOU spirit of Christmas, high and refined,
Enhancing the concepts of life,
Alas we should drift from our mooring, I ween,
Sometimes in the gloom of our strife—

Oh, but for thee, we'd oft lose the way
That Jesus has charted so plain,
And find ourselves in need of a star
To guide to its portals again.

Like Angels of light, percepts of the truth,
Are caught as we fondly admire
The deeds of this season when giving is rife
To even the meanest inspire.

Our fears and our hatreds driven away,
We know for awhile the sweet peace,
The good will to men that never will reign
When caving and differences cease.

As back of our gifts each giver is seen,
So back of the 'giver art Thou—
That Spirit that e'en when ways are most dark
Will guide us to harbor somehow.

'Tis sweet just to dream and picture a time,
Tho' far in the future perhaps,
When Thou shalt hold sway, unhampered by sin,
'Till millions of aeons elapse.

For sure as that star that once led to the place
Where in the rough manger of hay
In arms of the Virgin Mary a babe,
Who was to be King, calmly lay.

So surely the day will dawn very soon,
When Thou, the True Spirit, shall reign,
From east to the west, and man against man,
Shall take up the sword ne'er again.

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High School Spotlight

Kindergarten

The children completed their Christmas plans. Names have been drawn for the tree gifts and invitations for the mothers have been made.

Many children are absent, due to whooping cough and other sicknesses, so after the holidays there will be Kindergarten only in the forenoon until attendance becomes normal. In the afternoon children who are behind in reading in the first and second grades will be given special attention.

First Grade

We are learning the poem, "The First Christmas Night." The children are making gifts for their friends. Several of the children are absent yet, because of illness.

Miss Schiffer.

Second Grade

We are very busy getting ready for Christmas. Lucille Brydon is going to bring us a tree and we are making the trimmings now. Beatrice Aulen has been neither absent nor tardy since school began.

Miss Percy.

Third Grade

Miss Phillips has begun to read the book "Favorite Bible Stories." We find them very interesting as they begin with stories found in the Old Testament and then we will read those from the New Testament.

We have drawn names for our Christmas party which we are going to have after we have heard the Cantata next Wednesday. Tomorrow we are going to dip candles, and hope to make two large red ones to burn at our party.

Fifth Grade

We have read the story of the

"Camel and the Pig," and we also believe the Hindu proverb that "Tall is good, where tall would do; Of short, again, 'tis also true!"

In hygiene, we are studying about the care of the eyes.

"We have our Christmas tree and a box of presents all ready. Merry Christmas to all!"

Miss Tapio.

Sixth Grade

In arithmetic we are still working on decimals. After Christmas vacation we are going to start percentage.

For our reading work we have been learning different poems. We have memorized "Christmas Bells" by Longfellow, and "Ring Out Wild Bells" by Tennyson.

Christmas spirit is in the room. We expect to have our tree this week.

Miss Hudson.

Freshmen

The Freshmen Sheik, King Harger, went to sleep when Miss McKellar was reading a story in English class.

Sophomores

The Sophomores tried hard to trisect an angle, but they found out that it could not be done.

Juniors and Seniors

They received their pens and pencils and are very proud of them.

Athletics—Boys

The score for the game played between Walled Lake and Farmington at Farmington was 21-2 in favor of Farmington.

The line-up for Farmington: Right forward, Quinn; left forward, Turner; Shaw, sub for Turner; center, Sallow; running guard, Manzel; guard, Spaller; Middlewood sub for Spaller.

Walled Lake: Forward, Sherman; center, Nelson; guards, Riley and Bentley. (Continued on page five)

MACCABEE SOCIETIES

ARE NOW UNITED

The Ladies of The Maccabees, meeting in a special convention in Detroit December 8, accepted the proposal extended by A. W. Frye, supreme commander of The Maccabees, to merge the two societies. Discussion of the terms of the merger lasted four days and it finally passed by a two thirds majority, 192 to 96.

The two Maccabees, one woman and the other men, have hitherto had no official connection though operating under similar names and with similar objects for more than thirty years. When the merger is carried out they will be one of the strongest fraternal benefit associations on the continent, with more than 250,000 members, assets of over \$29,000,000, and fully established men's, women's and children's departments.

According to the terms of the merger, the assets of both societies will be combined and the rates paid by members of the Ladies of The Maccabees will be admitted to the same basis as the men, based on the American Experience mortality table with 3 1/4% interest assumption. In the majority of cases the increase will be small, according to W. P. Coler, actuary for The Maccabees, averaging from 15c to 60c per month, which will be reduced by the annual dividends paid to all holders of Maccabee certificates.

Headquarters of the new organization will be located in the new \$2,500,000 Maccabee home office building which is now being erected in Detroit. Women's lodges will keep their own identity, meeting separately from the men's local branches, and will retain their own ritual. Women will also have full proportionate representation in the supreme review, the society's governing body, and will be on a basis of absolute equality with the men, with full rights and privileges.

The Maccabees will hold a special convention in Detroit early in January to officially ratify the merger, which will be carried out as soon as it receives the approval of the Michigan insurance department. Mrs. Frances E. Burns, who has been great commander of the Ladies of The Maccabees since 1896 and is one of the pioneer women fraternalists in America, will occupy a high executive position in the society.

NEW RADIO FEATURE

STARTS OVER WKAR

A new radio feature, in the nature of children's bedtime stories, was started over station WKAR, the Michigan State College, this week.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dora A. Stockman, well known lecturer and author of the state, the stories will be developed under the title, "Farmers' Bedtime Stories." Each Monday evening at 7 o'clock, eastern time, Mrs. Stockman and her assistants will take the air for fifteen minutes, with programs planned especially for the younger generation.

On Tuesday, February 12, a special Nature Study series, consisting of fifteen minute talks on animals, birds, flowers, trees, and insects which are residents of Michigan, will also start over the college station. This series, which will be given from Tuesday through Friday evenings each week, will last until April 2. The lectures will be given from 7 until 7:15 p. m.

The Nature Study series is expected to prove of interest to adults, as well as to the younger folks who listen-in.

HOW TO BOOST FARMINGTON

At the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange club, A. F. Tull, president of one of the business institutes at Detroit, gave a talk on how to boost Farmington.

His remarks were replete with many good suggestions. The ladies in charge of the luncheon made the pleasing announcement that a chicken dinner would be served next Tuesday noon.

Harold McCracken, a senior at Albion College, will arrive home Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCracken.

MANDAMUS SUIT ON TRIAL

The mandamus suit brought by the Snell land interests against the Township of Farmington to compel the board to show cause why certain subdivisions were not accepted by it, came on for trial in the circuit court at Pontiac Tuesday, before Judge Lamb of Cadillac.

Lawrence W. Snell, Jr., witness for the plaintiff testified he and his father and mother are substantially interested in a large acreage through which the proposed cut-off for the Grand River road would pass in the event it is re-located. Plans showed the state had approved the straightening of state trunk line so it would pass a mile south of Farmington village, swinging around through property that is now largely undeveloped and cutting in two the substantial country estate of C. F. Smith.

The township officials claim that the streets in the plats offered for approval do not connect with other roads and that no line of cut-off had been definitely established by the state at the time action was taken.

MEN'S CLASS REORGANIZED

At the semi-annual meeting of the Men's Class of the Methodist Sunday school, December 10, the name of the organization was changed to the Sunday Noon club. A commission form of constitution and by-laws was adopted.

The following officers were elected:

Charles Pettibone, president.

Commissioners:

C. W. Locke, membership.

A. G. Leonard, social and entertainment.

John Mahany, finance.

N. H. Power, secretary.

A social hour and a most interesting address by Rev. E. E. Dunlavy followed the business session.

Mr. Dunlavy will present the lesson next Sunday at the usual hour, 12:15 m. Men are invited to attend.

LIBRARY NOTES

In dating books Saturday the date used was the 26th and should have been the 19th.

We would like very much to have the following books returned Saturday 19:

"Miss Lulu Bett," Zona Gale.

"My Lady of the North," Randall Parrish.

"New Friends in Old Chester," M. Deland.

"Fair Margaret," M. Crawford.

"Stella Dallas," and a number of others past due.

Let's start the New Year right. New books to be found at the Library:

"The Perennial Bachelor," Anne Parrish.

"The Professor's House," Willa Coates.

"Our Increasing Purpose," A. L. M. Hutchinson.

"Caravan," John Galsworthy.

"The Man Nobody Knows," Bruce Barton.

"Faith and Success," Basil King.

"The Kenworthy's," Margaret Wilson.

F. W. C.

The Farmington Woman's club met with Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, December 16, with nineteen members present and one guest.

A review of Adam Bede was given by Miss Katherine Sprague in her usual interesting manner, and was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Mary Johnson read from Irving's "Sketch Book." Christmas stories.

The next regular meeting will be held January 6, with Mrs. Ella Irish.

Josephine McGee.

Sec. Pro Tem.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The following college students from Farmington and vicinity, will come home for the holiday vacation: Harmon Boice and Es. their Middlewood of the U. of M.; Howard Otis of Kalamazoo College; James Bryan, Helen Steple and Katherine Harlan of Ypsilanti Normal; Harold McCracken, Clinton Treanway of Albion College; Harger of Albion College; St. Clair Switzer of Oxford University, O.