



**DEER, DEER** . . . . . Many a deer is seen going down Grand River these days, and we don't mean deer with red lips. These four-legged beauties were recently running around some northern woods—how-bow, but think of the position roasts!

**DOUBLE DATE** . . . . . That old Thanksgiving is running around double again this year. Or maybe she's twins—you know—the old 'joke'—Thanksgiving—Franksgiving. Anyway, part of the states will eat their turkey this week and part, next week. Won't it seem funny next year when the country goes back to having only one day for counting its blessings?

**ANCHORS AWEIGH** . . . . . The audience certainly was away Friday night when the movie on life in the navy was shown at the school auditorium. This report is that of the approximate 25 guests, the majority were American Legion members, the Legion being a co-sponsor of the movie. Some of the younger generation also were around. They may be future recruits but they can't wait until the much good right now. Poor Uncle Sam—seems like he can't count on much from Farmington as far as his navy is concerned.

**FLASH** . . . . . Santa Claus may be late this year due to inefficient transportation. Rumor has it that priorities are being holding up steel for his sleigh runners. However, St. Nick is scheduled to arrive in Detroit and Pontiac this week in the Thanksgiving parades. Detroit's will be Thursday and Pontiac's Wednesday night.

**STOP AND GO** . . . . . Watch your step as you go out, or toward the east or you may run a red light without intending to. There's a new traffic signal at the intersection of Grand River and Orchard Lake Road.

**FUR AND A BOOK** . . . . . If you don't look in style this week with a turkey from a feather party under your arm try a fur coat and a book. This is national fur week and national book week. Wonder how many national weeks per week there are? That's kind of complicated but we guess the idea gets across.

**REGULAR CUSTOMERS** . . . . . Only some people have the right spirit for the holiday Thursday. The Victory restaurant plans to show its appreciation for the patronage of its regular customers by giving them a choice of a free turkey or chicken dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

## Exchange Hears Defense Talk

Captain Donald Leonard of the Michigan State Police spoke at a district meeting of Exchangeites held last Thursday evening at Huck's Redford Inn. Farmington members were in attendance at this meeting which began with a dinner at 6:30.

Following the dinner Harry Fulkerson of Redford acted as toastmaster introducing State and District officers, who addressed the group briefly.

Captain Leonard was one of two officers selected to be part of a group of six from the United States, who were sent to England to study civilian defense. Captain Leonard's talk pointed out how greatly we of the United States can profit by what England has learned through experience, and at the same time we will not have to suffer as the English people are suffering today.

Captain Leonard told of their trip over, landing at Lisbon, and going from Portugal by plane. The planes left at different hours, each trip, taking a different route each time, so that Nazi planes would be unable to obtain any schedule. After landing the men found out that they had been pursued by a Nazi plane, but they were not aware of it at the time, as passengers are not permitted to see out of the plane.

A complete study of civilian defense entirely separate from anything the army is doing, was made. Each family is trained as a unit, to know exactly what to do in time of bombing, what preparations to make, how to extinguish incendiary bombs, and just how to operate as a unit to the best advantage of all the people. Captain Leonard also explained how each department, such as the fire department and the police, have readjusted their duties to fit in with the need in time of war. Also, the very important part the English women are playing in defense and industry today was outlined, showing them to be the backbone of civilian defense.

## Basketball Season Opens December 5

### 50 Boys Report For First Practice

Concentrating on ball handling and fundamentals Farmington High school's basketball team went into its first full week of practice Monday.

Approximately 50 boys answered Coach Bob Hutton's call for basketball material last Wednesday. At that time the first practice was held of this group today when returned to the gym. They are: Bill Campbell, Jim Youngblood, Dick Pauling and Bob Russell. Other promising prospects for this year's team include: Bill Fournier, Al Wallbank, John Rackov, Fred Martindale, Bill Holmes, Harold Beck, and Bob Erwin.

Last year's team maintained a 500 standing in the Southwestern Oakland County League. They also won two games in the district tournament which was held in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

The first game of the season for the local team will be held Friday, December 5 with Holly. Farmington beat Holly twice last year in league competition.

Farmington High School's schedule for the coming season is as follows:

- December 5, 1941 Holly at Farmington
- December 12, 1941 Farmington at Keego Harbor
- December 16, 1941 Farmington at Redford Union
- December 19, 1941 Clarkson at Farmington
- January 9, 1942 Farmington at Walled Lake
- January 13, 1942 Northville at Farmington
- January 15, 1942 Farmington at Milford
- January 22, 1942 Farmington at Holly
- January 30, 1942 Keego Harbor at Farmington
- February 6, 1942 Farmington at Clarkson
- February 10, 1942 Farmington at Northville
- February 13, 1942 Walled Lake at Farmington
- February 20, 1942 Milford at Farmington
- February 27, 1942 Redford Union at Farmington

## Just Eighteen To Be Given By Senior Class

Judging from the advance sale of tickets, there will be a full house to witness the performance of "Just Eighteen", the Senior Class Play to be given at the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, November 28, 1941, at eight o'clock.

The seniors have been busy with practice on the play, and a most entertaining and amusing evening is promised for all those attending. Tickets may still be secured from members of the class.

## The True Meaning of Thanksgiving Is Not Forgotten Amid World Chaos

BY MARINAN ALKIRE

"O God, beneath Thy guiding hand Our called fathers crossed the sea; And when they trod the wintry strand, With prayer and psalm they worshipped Thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer; Thy blessing came; and still its power, Shall lead, through all ages, Bear the memory of that holy hour."

It was an obscure, unimportant little band of people who were driven from their homes by religious persecution, who found security in Holland but left that their children might remain English and not become Dutch. It was the same little band that faced the vast Atlantic in a small sailing vessel only to land in a cold, bleak, savagely-inhabited country.

They started from "scratch," built new homes, hunted, fished, and battled and fought starvation, cold, disease, and Indian attacks. The English women are playing in defense and industry today was outlined, showing them to be the backbone of civilian defense.

## Few Violations Occur This Week

Appearing before Judge John J. Schulte at Justice Court this week, in answer to a charge of improper overtaking and passing of another vehicle on a hill was Wilfred Swale, 15555 Piedmont, Detroit. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay \$7.50 or spend five days in the Oakland County Jail.

Jack Wetzel, 445 Orange avenue, Jackson, was also charged with passing improperly on a hill. Due to his failure to report to the Court on or before the day assigned, the matter has been transferred to the State Police.

Gladys Trunk of Franklin Village was charged with reckless driving in that she drove against traffic on a one-way highway. The arrest occurred on North-western Highway near 12 Mile Road. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay \$4.00 costs.

David Lee Allen, Route 5, Farmington, was charged with operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in that he failed to stop for a through highway at U.S. 10 and Middlebelt Road. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay \$5.00 costs.

William Earl Foster was charged with disorderly conduct in that he was drunk at a public place, and in the presence of an officer, in violation of the State law. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10.00 and \$5.00 costs, or spend 20 days in the Oakland County Jail.

## BRING IN OLD TOYS FOR THE LOCAL CUB PACK

A call was put in this week by the Cub Pack, for Farmington residents to dig into the closets and bring out all the broken and cast-out toys that are no longer needed or wanted in their own home.

The Cubs again this year, have adopted the project of repairing and repainting discarded toys, and putting them in workable order, for Christmas distribution to less fortunate children. To date, only a few toys have been collected, and the Cubs are to complete the project before Christmas, they will have to have some toys to start work on now, rather than waiting until just a few short days before Christmas, and then having a great quantity of toys to complete in a short time.

Toys will be called for by Mr. A. Kahri, at Farmington 920, or Howard L. Richards at Farmington 378, are notified, or they may be left for the Cubs at Dickerson Hardware. Everyone is urged to do his part in helping the Cubs with this splendid project.

The great thinker is seldom a disputant. He answers other men's arguments by stating the truth as he sees it.—Daniel March

In every part and corner of our life, to lose oneself is to be gainer; to forget oneself is to be happy.—Robert Louis Stevenson

grace of God and the help of the loved ones had died.

Crops were sowed, and by the Indians, a bountiful harvest was reaped. Somehow, they felt sure that God had meant them to colonize this foreign land or He would not have prepared them so well that summer.

And then, because they knew their God was responsible, they planned a day of Thanksgiving to him. They did not forget the friendly natives who had helped them. They were not excluded as they had red skins or because they were savage.

It was a sacred moment when that first Thanksgiving was uttered. Thus was born a great American tradition. A tradition that this nation, which has prospered as no other nation in the history of the world, should not forget He who gave that prosperity.

The Christian who lifts his voice in humble gratitude to the Giver of All Good Things does not forget that there is still much to be desired in the world—that men still slaughter each other in senseless wars, that others still must die for their beliefs, that men still walk sidewalks in hopeless despair looking for jobs that are not to be found.

That Christian does not forget that while a turkey and pumpkin pie decorate his holiday table, there are others who will go to bed hungry that night—that while he may have only indignation the next day, there are others who the most skillful surgeon cannot make whole. Remembered, too, is the fact that in the midst of civilization there are those who starve for love, friendship and companionship, or to shift the scene, that in far away lands there are many who have not heard of the Christ or the blessings of civilization.

No, those things are not forgotten but he gives thanks because the good still overbalances the bad. Though wars are fought more persons than ever know that war is not the solution to international problems and will fight it and its damnable waste and destruction to the end. And, thanks be to God too—there's still an Atlantic and a Pacific Ocean.

Never more than now have there been forces at work to bring physical and spiritual comfort to those whose earthly light is a bitter one. Consider what life might be and count your blessings. "God is not dead nor doth He sleep."

## Why Give Thanks in a War-Soaked World?

This is a question many will ask on November 20, 1941. Thanksgiving Day—a day when almost the entire population of Europe and Asia are going about the grim task of killing their fellow men. Even America, as the Western Hemisphere, are feeling the repercussions of the mighty explosions of war guns. Why bow our heads and ask prayer and thanks when we have to shout above the thirsty cries of blustering dictators?

But wait—wasn't there a day of Thanksgiving during the cold winter at Valley Forge, when the United States was to be a limp thread cut in the middle by an invading army? Wasn't there a moment's pause at Lookout Mountain in 1863 when the country was blasted in half by Civil War. Yes—those were really days of hate and anger, yet Thanksgiving was offered. How useless it seems, for men to sink to their knees in prayer only to rise again and kill. It seemed useless then, but it was done and the United States is still a free and united nation.

It is free because we took time to give thanks, and when we rose again there was no hate in our hearts. We entered battle determined that at least for our part there would be no other war. But in between the days of Thanksgiving we forgot our prayers and breached ourselves in the brews of hate and misunderstanding.

How much further Europe and Asia might have been today had they in their beginning set aside a day of giving thanks. Thanks not only for their blessings but for the relationship with their neighbors. The United States did it and she has been blessed in the eyes of the world. She will do it again in 1941, amid the uncertainty of a jerking world, but she will do it with the sincerity that to believe in God and follow his teachings is to give thanks in a world which has lost sight of its Master but who will find it again through Thanksgiving.

## Group Guidance Began At School

The first of a series of Group Guidance meetings was held at Farmington Public Schools on Monday afternoon, November 17, for teachers of the High School.

The general nature of guidance was considered, from the standpoint of the teachers. Superintendent Duncel said, "The teacher is the key to an effective guidance program."

This program marked the beginning of a study of various phases of guidance, namely Education, Vocational, Civic, Health, Moral and Personal. The next discussion will be held on December 1, when the subject will be "What Information is of Value to the Teacher in the Guidance of Boys and Girls."

Committees have been formed on Home and Family Background, Health and Physical, Personal and Social Development and Scholastic Purpose.

Tuesday afternoon committees of both elementary and high school teachers met with Carl Horn, Chief of Occupational Information and Guidance, for the purpose of forming a better guidance program in the Farmington Public Schools.

This guidance program is part of an evaluation program, which will include such phases as library service, purposes of education, curriculum and course of study, a pupil activity program and instructional program.

Attend Conference

On Thursday, November 13, Superintendent Duncel and Principal E. V. Ayres attended a conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor at which Edward Krue of the Liberal Arts School spoke on "Relationship of the High School to the University." Representatives from every school having Freshmen enrolled at the University were invited to this meeting and following the luncheon the school officials had the opportunity to talk to those pupils from (Continued on Page Eight)

## GAMBEE SPEAKS ON NEUTRALITY IN RADIO TALK

Following is the text of the radio broadcast given by W. B. Gambée, Commander, 17th District, American Legion, Department of Michigan, over Station WEXL on Saturday afternoon at 1:30. The American Legion are sponsoring these programs each week, in order to better familiarize the people with the American Legion and what it stands for. Another program in this series will be broadcast at 1:30 next Saturday afternoon from WEXL, and everyone is invited to listen.

"The American Legion meeting in a National Convention at Chicago two weeks after the present war started in Poland, passed a resolution endorsing strict neutrality. Well, neutrality sounded good then, and sounds good yet, if you can secure the respect of the world. The only trouble with neutrality for a large nation as wealthy as ours, is that the only way you can maintain your neutrality is to fight for it. We had a neutrality law in 1939—and we still have part of it. It was a fine looking law but it had a devastating weakness. It only worked one way. It made us make our neutrality to fight for it. It failed to make the other fellow neutral. That is where law falls down, you may pass laws to limit what your own people do but you cannot pass a law which any other nation has any obligation to respect. But it failed to make the neutrality which President Wilson declared in 1914 when the last war began—it kept us from sinking the ships of other nations but it did not keep the Germans from sinking the Lusitania and destroying many other ships trading with American citizens.

Thus it was that in 1939, our Neutrality law kept us from sending ships into the war zone, but it did not prevent the Germans from sending their submarines outside the war zone and into the South Atlantic. (Continued on Page Five)

## Mrs. F. Ramsey To Head O. E. S.

On Monday, December the first, at 8:00 p. m. the Eastern Star will hold a public installation of its newly elected and appointive officers in the Masonic Hall.

The following members of the Order will assume their new posts at that time:

Worthy Matron, Florence Ramsey; Worthy Patron, Charles Diamond; Associate Matron, Mrs. Elaine Westfall; Associate Patron, Harold Hurkett; Secretary, Mrs. Ada Bond; Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Webster; Conductress, Mrs. Evelyn Hinber; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ella Darling; Chaplain, Mrs. Anna Addis; Marshal, Mrs. Iva Hutton; Organist, Mrs. Florence Heene; Adah, Mrs. Edith Sonnenberg; Ruth, Mrs. Fred Irving; Esther, Mrs. Hannah Ault; Marib, Mrs. Marian Nelson; Electa, Mrs. Lena Oldham; Warder, Mrs. Sara Hopkins; and Sentinel, Charles Perry.

Mrs. Margaret Jones, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan will act as installing officer. Installing Marshal will be Mrs. Gertrude Webster; installing organist, Mrs. Mabel Berry; installing chaplain, Mrs. Ida Worsfold; and inviting Marshal, Mrs. Mae West.

The retiring Worthy Matron of the Farmington chapter is Mrs. Hazel Diamond, and retiring Worthy Patron, Lowell Ramsey.

## Churches Plan Special Thanksgiving Services

### GRIFFITH NAMED TO COMMITTEE BY GOVERNOR

K. E. Griffith of 32200 Shawnee street has been named by Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner as a member of the sub-committee of the Michigan Council for Civil Defense. The sub-committee is for civil air defense.

The appointment was made on November 7, along with that of the four other members. It will be the responsibility of the council to formulate and carry out a civil air defense program for Michigan.

Mr. Griffith is a commissioned officer, a major, in the air reserve corps. He also has been active in the Quiet Birdmen, an aviation organization, having served as its head for a time.

## Mothers Assist Girl Scouts

Prospective workers for the Farmington Girl Scout organization were guests at a tea, given by Mrs. W. A. Nelson, commissioner of the Local Council of Girl Scouts in her home last Wednesday.

The tea was held in honor of Girl Scout mothers who had expressed a willingness to serve the organization, in response to a questionnaire sent out recently by the Council, and others who were interested in Girl Scout work. Members of the Girl Scout Council also attended.

Preceding an informal discussion, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. H. R. Lockyer, and Mrs. Edgar Pierce spoke briefly to the group on various phases of the scouting program, and the urgent need for more women to aid in the work of this rapidly growing organization. All were enthusiastic in their desire to lend whatever assistance they could as leaders, consultants, instructors, and in other capacities. The members of the council were proud and vastly appreciative of the prompt and generous response given by the honored guests.

Mrs. J. Pfaff will work with Mrs. John Hunt in supervising the activities of Troop 7. Mrs. Ward Estes and Mrs. Claude Haskins will serve as consultants in home-making. Mrs. Richard Eickes is serving as a consultant in home nursing. Mrs. Pearl Simpson will assist in teaching crocheting and other needlework.

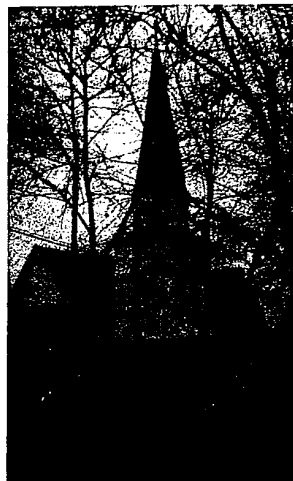
Following the discussion, tea was served, with Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Paul Shoemaker presiding at the tea table.

## High School Youth Dance To Al Holmes Orchestra

Twenty-six high school girls and 25 high school boys held a party Friday night from 8 p. m. to 12 midnight at the American Legion Hall. Dancing was to the music of Al Holmes and his orchestra with vocals by Jack LaRaine. Light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cale acted as patrons. Pat Cale was in charge of arrangements.

Thanksgiving Mass

At Our Lady of Sorrows Church there will be two special Thanksgiving masses on Thanksgiving morning, one at 7:30 and one at 8:30.



SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH  
Scene of the Thanksgiving Community Service in which three Farmington Churches will take part