

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Block

## The Farmington Enterprise

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**AIR RAID**  
And speaking of air raid shelters—who has?—who cares?—well, Mother Nature must have been far-sighted back in the glacier age when she provided Farmington with a high onto natural air raid shelter. That steep hill back of the schoolhouse plus a tunnel connected with that building would make a good one. As for getting it built—it's been suggested that the younger generation who doesn't like to split wood, etc., might toss out a few shovelful of dirt each day in the interest of patriotism, not to mention their own daily dose.

**THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT**  
Well, anyway, the house that Jack lives in—that is Jack Smith's—on Oak street, you know, Mr. Smith is taking no chances that Santa not being able to get up on his roof—he put him there. Sure nuff, a cardboard St. Nick is resting on top of his roof and is illuminated with a spotlight. Pretty nice, eh?

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**  
There's literally music in the air this week in Farmington. It originates from the Evangelical and Reformed Church via an amplifying system. Many thanks to the one who thought of the idea. It's truly thrilling to walk down a street and hear the beloved old carols that you may have just left coming over your radio.

**DARKNESS FLEES**  
Or is just starting to—December 21 marked the shortest day in the year and from now on more of the 24 hours should be devoted to fighting up this part of the world. With a little extra light won't gather any objections except perhaps from Bruno who is thoroughly enjoying his long winter nap. For the rest of us, it'll be a pleasure not to have to go to work and come home both in the dark.

**FINDERS KEEPERS**  
Of course, it might just have been an early Christmas gift, but then again—Henry Dawson, Enterprise printer, meandered down to the office about 10:30 a. m. Sunday and noticed a paper bag leaning against the corner of the building. Investigating he found three unopened bottles of beer. Since no one appeared to claim them, Dawson was feeling a little happier this week—probably more so than the person who left the aforementioned beverage.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen on this Silent Night, Holy Night when it came, Upon the Midnight Clear in that Little Town of Bethlehem, that First Noel when the Sweet Little Jesus Child was born Away in a Manger While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, So Deck the Halls for Jolly Old St. Nicholas with Jungle Bells will soon be Up on the Housestop, and you'll Hear the Bells on Christmas Day proclaim that Unto Us a Child is Born and He Shall Reign forever and ever, God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen.

**GOODFELLOWS DANCE HUGE SUCCESS**

Farmington's first annual Goodfellows Dance, registered, a huge success Monday evening.  
According to James Warner, general chairman for the dance, approximately \$25 will be turned over to the Goodfellows fund as a result of the affair. This money will go into the general fund set aside for the benefit of the more unfortunate at Christmas time. The \$25, derived from the dance represents profit.  
Practically all of Farmington's civic and service organizations cooperated in making the party a success. "This is the beginning of what we hope will be a huge annual affair," Warner said.  
Max Crossman and his orchestra furnished the music. The gymnasium was decorated with red and green streamers, white on the stage, a lighted Christmas tree stood.

### Volunteer Registration Begins Here

Only Non-Protective Services Needed Now

Residents of Farmington who want to do their part in Michigan's long planned civilian defense program, are urged to cooperate in the statewide enlistment of men, women and youth. Locally, registrations will be taken at the City Hall on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of one and five in the afternoon and seven and nine in the evening, all three days. The help of several clerks has been secured, and they will be glad to assist in properly filling out the volunteer enrollment cards.



LEO GILDEMEISTER

It is to be noted that this registration does not include protective services. The registration for protective services will be held at a later date, and persons desiring to volunteer for this type of work, which includes air wardens, repairmen, drivers, stretcher-bearers, canteen workers and the like, may without registration in the present call for workers.  
Registrations being taken at the present time may be divided into the following classifications:  
Artistic Work, such as painting, posters, interior decorating for social functions, setting up exhibits, etc.  
Child Care, serving as a day nursery assistant, child nurse's aide, etc.  
Computing Work, including detailed computations and compilation of statistical records and reports necessary to defense projects.  
Cooking, handling and preparing food for mobile canteen services, keeping coffee and juice jars full.  
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### Dorothy Goers Is D.A.R. Winner

Dorothy Goers will be Farmington High School's representative in the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Pilgrimage Contest, sponsored locally by the Three Flag Chapter. Elected by members of the Senior Class, Dorothy won by a substantial lead over her nearest rivals.

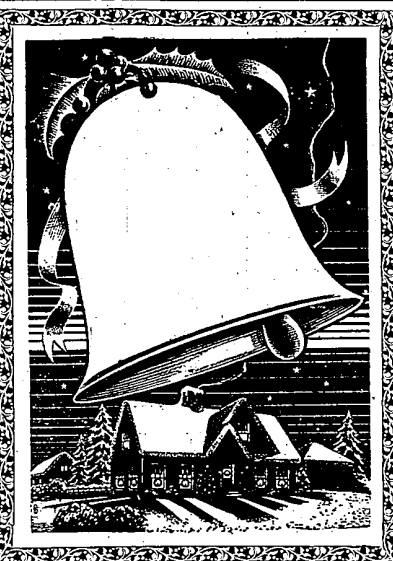
Her school and community activities indicate her ability to accept responsibility cheerfully and to lead in worthwhile projects.  
During her four years in high school she has held numerous school and class offices and has taken part in various school activities. In her freshman and junior years she served as secretary for her class; for three years she has been a member of the High School Band; she has played basketball on the regular girls' team three years and was instrumental last year in organizing the Girls Athletic Association, becoming its first president; in her junior year she acted as chairman of the J-Hop Ticket Committee; during her senior year she took part in the Senior Play, is a member of the Decoration Committee for the Senior Prom, and is President of the Student Council.

The high quality of school leadership has been reflected in her community service. She is a member of the Farmington Methodist Church, and for a year she has been a teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday School, is a member of the High School League and the Queen Esther Missionary Society, in which she has been Treasurer for two years. During the two years she was a Girl Scout she served as a scribe and patrol leader. She is also an active member of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary.

Although Dorothy's activities are numerous, she takes time to carefully prepare classroom assignments and her name appears frequently on the honor roll. In her leisure hours she develops her hobbies, which are horseback riding and archery.  
Dorothy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers of Brookside avenue.

### Daughters of Isabella Have Christmas Party

Daughters of Isabella held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ruth Conditine at 4941 Kendall, Detroit, Saturday evening. Husbands of the women were guests. The evening was spent in playing cards and exchanging gifts. Chances were sold on a pair of pillowcases from which \$25 was realized for the general treasury fund. Mrs. Marie Cronin received the pillowcases. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.



### HEADLINES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

War in the Pacific—Japanese Land Troops on the Philippine Islands—Congress Passes New Defense Legislation—Headlines on Christmas Day, 1941, black headlines spelling force, destruction and war.

One headline stands far above the others, however. From the top of the page it looks down on the others. Its fine lines show peace, its sharp contrast courage and faith. CHRIST IS BORN.

From the day printing was first utilized by man, this headline has framed his work. It will never die, man's faith in his savior. Long before world dictators infested our earth, Christ was in our headlines. He will be after they are gone.

Born in a manger in the far off land of Bethlehem, Christ walked among his people, building faith and courage. Not striving for world power or domination, he placed peace and understanding in his disciples. The power he created will live forever.

Headlines will come and go, deaths—wars—conspiracies—peace, but one headline will always ride at the top of the page, December 25, 1941 or December 25, 2000—CHRIST IS BORN.

### New Manager Appointed For Farmington Area



NED L. WALKER

Appointment of Ned L. Walker as head of the telephone management area that includes Farmington was announced today by Raymond J. Bonini, district commercial superintendent for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Walker, succeeds John R. MacLachlan in a move by the company that creates two management areas of the former Plymouth area. MacLachlan continues as Plymouth area manager.

Bonini said the change was made because of the increased responsibility of management arising out of the sharp upswing in telephone demand at Farmington, and at Wayne and Romulus, which also are now under Walker's supervision. The change is effective immediately.  
Walker has been an outside commercial representative of the company at Plymouth since last September. Before that he was in the company's commercial department at Ann Arbor. A native of Ohio, Walker was graduated from Miami University of that state in 1939.

### Township Group To Aid Defense

The Farmington Township Civic Association will direct its efforts toward defense work during the coming year, it was decided at the annual meeting of the organization on Tuesday, December 11, at the home of Joseph Vetter on Middlebelt.

Reports were made on work accomplished during the past year. Most important was the securing of city water for the township after approximately two years of work with the Township Board. The Association also was instrumental in getting the traffic light at Grand River and Eight Mile Road working again.

Fred Wilkinson will serve as president for the ensuing year following election of officers at the meeting. Other officers elected were: vice president, Theodore Kohlman; secretary, Mrs. Carl Gossett; treasurer, Joseph Vetter; trustees, John Byrne, Godfrey Gagnon, and Harvey W. Perry.

### Red Cross To Sew At American Legion Hall

Beginning on Wednesday, January 7, the Red Cross sewing unit will meet in the American Legion Home on Grand River, instead of the High School Cafeteria. The work rooms will be open on Wednesday of each week, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., and every woman in the community who can do so is urged to visit them and help this cause.

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

### Churches Schedule Special Services For Christmas

#### Court Continues At Busy Pace

Despite the approach of the Christmas holidays, Justice Court continued up have a number of summons this week.

Bound over to Circuit Court for the February term, is Charles Russell alias John Doe, 111 1/2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Russell, upon complaint of John Price, is charged with breaking and entering, with intent to commit larceny, at the home of Mrs. Edith Price, 33729 Oakland avenue. He was released on his personal bond.

H. L. Walte, 23105 Sheridan, Dearborn, was charged with failure to stop for a through highway at U.S. 16 and Middlebelt Roads. He paid \$5.00 costs.

For speeding 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone, R. A. Davidson, Route 2, Farmington, paid \$5.00 costs after pleading guilty.

Thomas Harris, 1508 Orleans, Detroit, pleaded guilty to a charge of having no brakes on a semitrailer. He was given a suspended sentence when he donated \$5.00 to the Goodfellows.

A fine of \$10.00 or spending 20 days in the Oakland County Jail was the alternative given Donald W. Anderson, 229 Woodbine Drive, Milford, when he was arrested for traveling at an excessive rate of speed, which resulted in an accident.

R. S. Thomas, 13973 Rosemont, Detroit, paid \$5.00 costs when he failed to stop for a through highway at U.S. 16 and Middlebelt Road.

Joseph Mazer, 2017 Clements, Detroit, was ordered to pay \$7.50 costs for improperly passing on a hill. The defendant went to Los Angeles, California, before taking care of the violation, and hence the added costs.

For being drunk in a public place in the presence of an officer, Howard Ellis pleaded guilty. He was ordered to pay \$10.00 fine, \$5.00 costs, or spend 20 days in the Oakland County Jail.

Improperly passing on a hill cost Louis Stauch, 1975 Richlen, Detroit, \$7.50 in costs.  
Phil Meyfarth, 16523 Fielding, Detroit, pleaded guilty to a charge of traveling 45 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone on icy pavements. He was given a suspended sentence, since he had been driving 15 years and had received only one ticket for passing a red light.

The license of Thomas A. Brannan, Jr., 5311 25th street, Detroit, was revoked when he was tried and convicted of drunk driving. He was also ordered to spend 90 days in the Oakland County Jail.

Roosevelt Cole, 1526 Clements, Detroit, was found guilty of having no headlights on his car. He paid costs of \$3.50.

Costs of \$5.00 were paid by Donald H. Rockey, 37325 12 Mile Road, for running a stop sign.

Harrison H. Graves, 19319 Centralia, Detroit, failed to stop for a through highway at Semmlow and Eight Mile Road. Warrant was sent (Continued on Page Ten)

#### Evangelical Group To Broadcast Music Over Farmington

Although many of the special Christmas services have already been held, Farmington churches will continue their celebration of the Savior's birth yet this week.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will begin its Christmas services with a mass for children on Christmas Eve. At midnight the mass for adults is scheduled. Children will sing carols for both services. On Christmas Day masses will be held at 8, 9, 10, and 11 a. m. and 12 noon. A mass scene will be part of the decorations at the church and a Christ-child lit by a spotlight is part of the decorations in front of Our Lady of Sorrows School.

Methodists have planned their annual Sunday School Christmas program for Tuesday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be recitations, group numbers by the classes and Christmas carols, both by the children and as congregation singing. The men's organization will supply the treat for all present. A Christmas service was held Sunday morning and the choir's cantata was given Sunday night.

Baptist  
The Baptist Church has held all of its special services, the Sunday School program on Thursday evening, and a worship service and cantata on Sunday. The prayer meeting for this week will take place on Tuesday evening rather than on the usual Wednesday night. Albert McDonald is to be in charge. A watchlight service is being planned for New Year's Eve at which communion will be held.

Evangelical  
Children of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will give their Sunday School program on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p. m. It will include singing, recitations and a pageant by the older children. An exchange of gifts and a treat for the children is to follow.

A candlelight service has been scheduled for 8 p. m. on Christmas Day. It will be open to the public and will consist almost entirely of Christmas carols. The choir will sing two anthems. Candles will furnish the only light used and each member of the congregation will have his own lighted candle.

The Christmas cantata was given Sunday evening. Next Sunday a communion service will be held in connection with the regular morning worship service. Christmas music will be broadcast over Farmington by means of an amplifying system from the tower of the Evangelical Church each day this week. The Rev. Carl Schultz has announced that he heard voices at 6 and 7 p. m. on each day and at various other times.

### Merchants Gain 500 Mark

Coming from behind in the final quarter with five quick shots by Joe DeVriendt, Farmington's Merchant basketball team defeated Mulholland of Wayne 27 to 24, Monday evening at Wayne.

Tied at the half 9 to 9, the game was close until the last minutes of the final quarter, when Farmington stepped ahead. Elmer Catherman was high point man for the evening, with a total of 10 points.

Farmington Merchants will play again tonight, in a game with the Plymouth Merchants. The game will begin at 8:00 following a game which will be played at 7:00.

Due to its win last evening, Farmington is courting a percentage of 500 with two wins against two losses.

Following is the schedule for the Farmington Merchants, for the balance of the season:

January 5-7 p. m.  
Romulus Merchants  
January 13-7 p. m.  
Stinson Aircraft  
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### Defense Rally Planned Here

Each and every patriotic-minded citizen of Farmington will want to note the date of Monday, January 12, and set aside that evening right now, before any other engagements interfere.

There is going to be a Defense Bond Rally and meeting that evening, at the Farmington High School Gymnasium, beginning at eight o'clock. Frank N. Isbey, State chairman in charge of defense Bonds and Stamps, has advised the local chairman, Joseph Himmel-spach, that he will be at the meeting. Anyone who has heard Mr. Isbey speak, knows what a real pleasure it is to hear him, and the importance of the message he has to deliver.

An invitation has also been extended to Captain Donald S. Leonard of the Michigan State Police. (Continued on Page Ten)