

# Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

Around The Block

## The Farmington Enterprise

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THIS IS THE SEASON... for New Year's Resolutions. Undoubtedly each of us could think of numerous resolutions that we might — and probably should adopt, personally, and there are also a lot of resolutions that it would be well for all of us to adopt. However, if we could all adopt but one New Year's resolution — and keep it — we'd find 1948 the best year any of us ever had. We refer to the Golden Rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. Just picture what a wonderful old world this would be if we could but apply that one rule.

**MANY, MANY THANKS**  
to everyone who helped to make Farmington as colorful and gay as it has been through the Christmas season. Particularly is thanks due Walter Coon for donating the beautiful City Christmas Tree that is in front of the Civic Theatre; to the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for placing the lights in the big pine tree in the Town Hall; to Vincent Brink of the Bell Electric Shop, to Harvey Bloyd, Bob Calma, Joe DeVriendt, George Paré, Johnny Spaller, Ed Thayer, Earl Vivier, Harley Walters and The Detroit Edison Company, Dr. Weaver and Dr. Whitehead for their invaluable services, in placing the colored lights that stretch across Grand River. Once again, many, many thanks.

**THE YOUNGSTERS**  
have been bemoaning the fact that they didn't have as much snow this Christmas vacation as they had hoped to have, despite the fact that we really had a nice fall of snow on Christmas Day, which allowed them to get in some winter sports. We can be thankful, though, that we did not get the fall of snow that they did in New York City. Just imagine shoveling out after that!

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
to everyone. Judging from all reports. Everyone seems to have had a perfectly wonderful Christmas, and they were just spilling over with goodwill and happiness. It is always the little unexpected things that happen to one at the Christmas season that fill the cup to overflowing, so to speak. The uplift in spirit will carry through until after New Year's, but when the Christmas tree comes down, too often it seems our spirits come down, too. Let's hope to carry some of the happiness and friendliness of the season right through into 1948. We'd like to wish everyone the very happiest of New Years, and may 1948 bring those things which you most want, and an abundance of health and happiness.

**EVERY TIME**... the table is cleared, it seems as though there is some food that was wasted, either because someone's eyes were bigger than their stomachs, or else there is such a small quantity of something left that one just doesn't know what to do with it. Whenever this happens, we can't help but think how much that bit of food, small as it may be, would mean to some of the hungry folks in Europe. You have a chance to give to them. The food that you know will go to just where it is intended, and food that will actually help feed a hungry family. In Farmington stores you will find a container in which you may place some non-perishable food, to become a part of the "Friendship Motor Caravan" sponsored locally by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, and throughout the State by the Michigan Jaycees. Representatives are going to accompany the shipment all the way to France and supervise its distribution, so you can know that the food you give will be put to good use. Give a can or two of food — it's quite sure it will not be missed — and you'll know you've done a good deed for their own well being, anyway.

**THERE'S NOTHING**... quite so dead the day after Christmas as displays for Christmas cards, quite so dead the day after, for there was a mad scramble beginning bright and early Friday morning, to change all the window displays and get the Christmas decorations down. Of course, everyone intends that Christmas trees stay up until the New Year's Eve, but the day after Christmas — indeed the living room looks empty when they finally do go out-of-doors — but Christmas merchandise displays certainly look flat when the great holiday is over.

**GRADUALLY**... is coming from chaos at the Farmington Post Office. We feel that the local postal employees deserve a well earned thank you from our residents for the splendid job they did in seeing that the mail went through, despite the terrific volume of mail both coming in and going out. It was certainly handled with a maximum amount of efficiency, and a wonderful job was done.

### PHYLLIS ROBERTS BECOMES BRIDE OF BRUCE ROBINSON

Miss Phyllis Elaine Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard M. Roberts of Farmington became the bride of Bruce Wallace Robinson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Robinson of Lansing, and the late Mr. Robinson, on Saturday, December 20. They repeated their marriage vows at a late afternoon wedding held at Buchanan Congregational Church. Dr. Roger Eddy treated performed the double ring service. The bride's gown was fashioned of white velvet, styled with long sleeves, a deep poke and full skirt. She wore a veil of tulle and her flowers were shattered carnations and stephanotis.

Mrs. Owen Armistage of Lansing was the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of tulle and carried a muf of carnations. Bud Andrews, also of Lansing, was best man.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception was held at the Hotel.

The young couple left on a wedding trip to Chicago. For going away, Mrs. Robinson wore a brown gabardine suit with brown accessories and a corsage of holly and holly greens.

Upon their return home Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will make their home in Kalamazoo, where both will attend Western State College.

### FALCON ATHLETES INVITED TO MSC FOOTBALL BUST

Jerry Fisher and Gene Schofer, Falcon football stars and coaches, Robert Hutton have been extended special invitations to attend the Michigan State College Oakland County Alumni Football game to be held in Birmingham Wednesday, January 14.

Technical motion pictures of the Spartans entire Hawaiian trip will be shown including the football game between Michigan State College and the University of Hawaii.

The entire Michigan State coaching staff will be present at the banquet. Bigger names in football, such as Coach, Glen Stewart, director of alumni will also be present. Approximately sixty football players and coaches from high schools throughout the county have been invited to the bust. The bust will start at 5:45 at the Birmingham Community House.

A limit of 275 tickets have been marked for sale. All MSC athletes are invited to attend. Tickets may be secured from Mr. Harold H. Gasser, 785 Safford Avenue, Birmingham, phone 3569, or Earl Clark, County Building, Pontiac.

### First 1948 Baby To Receive Layette

January 1, 1948, is almost here. Remember to notify either Lila's father, or the mother, of the infant, for the space formerly occupied by Twiss Beauty Shop.

### Farmington ICC To Participate In Food Caravan

#### Residents Urged To Donate Canned Goods

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce in a giant statewide "Friendship Motor Caravan" designed to provide necessary food for hungry France.

Containers will be placed in a number of local stores this week and by the Farmington Jaycees. Farmington people are urged to put canned goods in the containers to aid the people of France. These goods will be picked up when full and prepared for shipment. The Caravan will leave for the coast January 12.

Superintendent O. E. Duncanson said that students of the Farmington Township school district would assist in the contribution of canned goods.

#### AD TO FRANCE

The "Friendship Motor Caravan" was initiated by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce and later adopted by the state organization. It was created because of the fact that the "Friendship Train" was not scheduled to stop in Michigan, and the Jaycees felt that Michigan residents would want to contribute to this aid to France program.

Giant trucks have been secured and the co-re contribution of the state will be shipped to the east coast in a motor caravan. The Jaycees will accompany the shipment to see that it gets to its destination.

The French Government, through the cooperation of the "Mutual Aid to France" committee has made arrangements to have the food stuff shipped to France. Five Jaycees will accompany the food to Europe and supervise its distribution along with officials of the State Department. The Jaycees goal for the state is 100 truck loads of canned goods.

#### SIGLER O.K.'S PLAN

Governor Sigler, in a letter to the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce, highly commends the Jaycees for their action in creating this "Friendship Motor Caravan". Governor Sigler's letter follows:

On behalf of the people of Michigan, I wish to commend the Junior Chamber of Commerce for launching its Friendship Motor Caravan to gather truckloads of...

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### Main Street Way Back When...



... Wooden buildings, dirt streets and horse and buggy dominated the scene. The old Owen House is the prominent structure in the right hand center of the picture. It was located where the Farmington State Bank now stands. The old wooden sidewalk on the right ends in front of the building now occupied by the Oak Pharmacy. The dark image silhouetted against the tree up Grand River is the Interurban. The exact date of this picture is not known.

### Financial Outlook For 1948

By ROGER W. BABSON

1. 1948 will be more or less of a duplicate of 1947. Certainly there will be no "depression" as so many pessimists are talking about, but fundamentally conditions will become increasingly less favorable.

2. The above paragraph applies mostly to gross business. Certain industries will show smaller net profits. This means that in some cases, dividends will be less in 1948. Remember some things may be allocated or rationed again in 1948.

3. The reconversion from war to peace has been entirely completed. The war surplus are pretty well disposed of, and 1948 will even show a resumption of military purchasing.

4. Inventories quoted both at their prices values and their uses will increase during 1948. Both raw materials and manufactured goods will be in greater supply during 1948.

5. Notwithstanding the above paragraph, some allocations of priorities may be reinstated in 1948. The public is sick of high prices and will make demands for some price controls in the case of certain products in short supply.

6. The retail price of some goods, other than food products, will be higher during 1948 as the final...

turn has not yet been reached for all types of goods.

7. We expect to see the peak in wholesale commodity prices sometime during 1948. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories, especially on borrowed money.

8. Retail price changes will lag after wholesale price changes. This explains why we expect retail prices on good quality merchandise to hold up for awhile after wholesale prices begin to decline. But 1948 WILL BE A YEAR OF WAR PREPARATIONS.

#### FARM OUTLOOK

1. The total farm income for 1948 should approximately equal that of 1947; but we forecast lower prices for wheat, corn, and certain other products. Farmers should certainly diversify more in 1948, get out of debt, put money into improvements, and prepare for real trouble some day.

10. The supply of certain vegetables, fruits, and fish products should increase during 1948 and the price of these should fall off barring some weather, insect, or blight catastrophes.

11. Meat will be in shorter supply in 1948 than in 1947. Should the current propaganda to "eat less and have a better figure" gain popularity, upward pressure on meat prices would be greatly reduced.

12. Farmers will try to get both 1948 Presidential candidates to promise further subsidies.

13. The above four farm forecasts assume normal weather which we do not attempt to predict.

#### LOWER TAXES

13. The Federal debt will be higher during 1948 as the final...

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### Cage Season To Resume Next Week

Farmington and Clarencville's Basketball teams will jump back into the cage picture next week with the Falcons taking on Milford in an Inter-Lakes Conference game and the Trojans meeting Detroit Country Day. Both games are scheduled for Friday, January 9.

Heavy practice schedules are being planned by both teams for next week in preparation for the renewal of the season. Farmington's game Friday will be played at Farmington while Clarencville will travel to Detroit Country Day. The Trojans have been idle since Tuesday, December 16, when they defeated Dearborn Roosevelt 23 to 14. Farmington has not been out of action quite so long, having dropped a close contest to Walley Lake Friday night, December 19, by the score of 25 to 27.

Farmington's Falcons have a record of two wins and two losses as they start the new year. They have defeated Northville and East Detroit and lost to Wayne and Walley Lake. Farmington lost to Wayne by only two points and to Walley Lake by only one point. Farmington's record to date is as follows:

Wayne, 28 - Farmington 22  
Farmington 22 - Northville, 22  
Farmington, 21 - East Detroit 29  
Walley Lake, 28 - Farmington 27  
Clarencville has a season record to date of one win and two losses in three games. They have defeated Dearborn Roosevelt and lost to Walley Lake and Inksater. The Trojans' scoring thus far this season is as follows:

Walley Lake, 45 - Clarencville 21  
Inksater, 37 - Clarencville 19  
Clarencville, 22 - Dearborn Roosevelt, 14

### District Cage Tourney To Be Held At Farmington

Farmington High School's gymnasium will again be the scene of the 1948 Class "B" and Class "C" District basketball tournament. It was announced this week by Superintendent O. E. Duncanson.

The tourney will be held the week end of March 6th. Four Class "B" and five Class "C" schools will participate in the tournament.

Further details on the teams, officials and contest will be given later.

### Golden Rule Circle To Meet January 8

Members of the Golden Rule Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Durham, 2309 Maple, on Thursday, January 8. Pot luck luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m.

### City Residents Urged To Begin Preparations For New Mail Delivery

#### Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed

Ray D. Eichler will be installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington at the first regular meeting of 1948 which will be held Wednesday, January 7, at Rotoford Inn.

In addition to Eichler, the following other new officers will be installed: Tony Himmelsbach, first vice-president; Charles Layton, second vice-president; Joe Himmelsbach, treasurer; and Charles Davis, Harley Walters, Gus Tarr, and O. E. Duncanson, directors. Other members of the Board of Directors are Paul Schreiber, Pete Kobman and Jim Tagg. The last three were elected last year for two year terms.

Richard Taylor, chairman of the installation program, announced Tuesday that Frank O. Stalger, secretary of the Michigan District, will be the main speaker. He will speak to Travel Convey. The installation will be a "Ladies Night" program and Kiwanians may bring guests if they desire.

All Kiwanians should make their reservations by the end of this week to Travel Convey. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Rotoford Inn.

#### BOYS GUILTY OF PROPERTY DESTRUCTION

Two Farmington boys were found guilty of malicious destruction of property when brought before Judge John J. Schulz Jr. Monday morning. They were fined \$5.00 each, placed on probation and ordered to make restitution for the damage they caused.

The boys, Cass Hayward and Tom Weaver, tore the lavatory from the wall of the men's restroom Sunday evening at the Civic Theatre. They pulled the plumbing loose, thus flooding the restroom with water.

They were picked up following out of the restroom immediately afterwards, and turned over to the police. They appeared before Judge Schulz Monday morning after being held at the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac over night.

Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt stated that there have been numerous acts of property destruction within the city during recent months and the police are going to pick up and prosecute every offender. Such destruction has gone far past the point of pranks and jokes, and the police are going to see that it is stopped.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY TO BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

Farmington High School's annual New Year's Eve Party will be held Wednesday evening, New Year's Eve, at the Farmington High school gymnasium. It was announced this week by G. V. Harrison, principal.

The eight pieces Northville Recreation orchestra will furnish the music for dancing. In addition a special games room will be set up for those who do not care to dance. Ping-pong, card games and various other entertainments will be furnished.

Refreshments will be served and favors will be given to everyone. The party is open to all students of the High School from the 7th grade through the 12th grade.

The party will start at 9:00 p.m. and run until 1:00 a.m. Tickets are available at the office of the high school principal for those who do not already have them.

Plans for the party have been worked out by the student council. The party is being financed by the Farmington Board of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Schofer and son, Ed, were Christmas dinner guests of the school, Harry Schofer and family in Garden City.

### Mail Boxes Or Door Slots Are Required At Every Home

Postmaster Norman C. Lee announced this week that residents of the City of Farmington should begin at once to prepare for the new city mail delivery even though it will not become effective until July 1, 1948.

Residents should begin to erect suitable mail boxes or slots in the door as required by the post office department. These boxes should be of such a nature as to afford protection for mail. They should be easily accessible for the mailman. House numbers should be placed on all homes where they can be easily read. This is true for just some places as well as residences, particularly if they are not open at the time delivery is made.

#### MORNING DELIVERY

According to the Postmaster, carriers will leave the post office for their morning delivery at 8:45 a.m. Two carriers will be employed to cover the City of Farmington. They will deliver mail to the business places first and then make the tour of the residential section. Parcel post delivery will be made between 10:45 and 11:30 each morning. Only one mail and one parcel post delivery per day will be made.

Word was received last week in a letter to Postmaster Lee that Farmington will be given City delivery effective July 1. The delivery will include the area within the city from Lakewood on the East to Gill Road on the west and Nine Mile Road on the south to Shawagawee on the north.

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### Outstanding Events Of 1947 Are Reviewed As New Year Approaches

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February 18. Jerry McSafely and Sgt. Fennell, popular ventriloquist of the Detroit Police Safety Department, entertain children in two performances.

February 24. German School reopened as emergency measure to house kindergarten students.

February 28. Farmington Falcon basketball team defeats Kooze Harbinger in short supply.

March 1. Farmington High School Senior Class presents "Star Dust", a three act comedy.

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March 6. Public hearing held at Farmington High School on Zoning Ordinance.

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