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**Meadowbrook Murmurs**  
By Mrs. Dean Eckert

How 1952 got here so fast, we'll never guess. Was it a whole year ago we were chattering about getting the 1950's basket of franking done in 1949? Ah, just a month ago, before that, it seems, we were writing about the Christmas excitement of '49.

An exciting Christmas of '51 was for the Clarence Billings family, 2141 Middlebelt Road. Christmas was Day Mom's cooking was the center of attraction at the Billings. The next day son-in-law Jack Simpson's birthday took the whole family to the Simpson's home, 23886 Violet Street. And the next day, their flurry-brightened at Mrs. Jane Huppert, Detroit, where Jane Huppert's birthday party by just a day. Jane weighed 9 lbs 5½ oz. December 27 and her mommy, the former Clara Billings, could hardly wait to comb curls into her long black hair. Big brother Richard, age 2, thinks she's a doll. This even the number for the Billings, who now have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

William Allan Ellis, nine month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ellis of 29245 List Street was baptized December 23 at the Farmington Methodist Church. His godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Ellis of Havelock, Ontario, were there for the event and also Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hedley of Roosevelt Street, his maternal grandparents.

A wedding brightened our holidays, but a funeral very much saddened them. Partly your neighbors, the George Molen family of Dearborn knew you as regulars in Meadowbrook Heights. We had been expecting them for a Christmas visit, but the sudden death of Mr. Molen December 22, ended the Christmas plans. Their annual festivities which made Christmas for them the brightest time of the year. Instead of their many pilgrimages to friends' homes, hundreds of friends showed their true friendship at Christmas time by stopping amid their gala activities to say farewell to a wonderful man. Beautiful nine year old Mary "away" very strange, though his job responsibilities, in keeping a large number of people employed, had kept him away from home almost every evening and Saturday during the month of December. So very tired, he just never woke up December 22, but went on to his much-earned vacation.

Seven year old Robert Swarthout of Spotton Street never had a Daddy, for he was born just after his father died during World War II. But "Daddy" has always been a magic word to him and his Daddy is perhaps more a part of him than many little boys' real live Daddies.

Christmas Eve, Robert received "the best" Christmas gift I have ever had — an Army Air Corps hat his Daddy had worn. Noting the tears Grandma Swarthout could not hide as he put the hat on his head, Robert patted her, saying "Don't cry, Grandma, you've got me! I've got my Daddy's name, and I was born almost on his birthday. Now I'm starting to wear his clothes. I'll always be your boy."

And no matter what the year 1952 may bring you, just keep in mind those thoughts of wisdom from a serious-thinking seven year old child. Life just keeps rolling along. For every down there's an up, and every cloud has a silver lining. When God taketh away he also giveth, and one's loss is soon made up for those who believe only in the good things of life.

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Following the usual service conducted by Mr. Alex Young in the Neighborhood Church last Sunday, the Bible School enjoyed its annual presentation of Christmas treats and gifts. Several children of the school contributed interesting numbers to the program.

For the benefit of the Sunshine Sisters, who held their regular meeting in the Neighborhood Church Wednesday afternoon, a troop of Brownie Girl Scouts presented a pageant. Afterwards Christmas cookies were passed to the group. The next Sunshine meeting will be held in the church Wednesday, January 9, at 9 p.m.

A group of young people from the Ward Presbyterian Church in Detroit put on a fine inspiring program in the Neighborhood Church Thursday evening. There were several lovely musical numbers. A chalk talk was given by a talented young artist, Miss Paula Todd. Mrs. LaVerne Bruce gave an inspiring sermonette. At the close of the service the visiting young folks presented all children present with candy canes and prettily wrapped Christmas remembrances.

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The executive board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m.

The regular business meeting for January is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, in the Town Hall, to begin at 1 p.m.

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