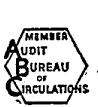




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Formation Of New Fire Unit Begins At Clarenceville

Open Drive To Recruit Volunteer Firemen

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, announced this week that steps are now being taken to organize a volunteer fire force for the newly completed fire station in the Clarenceville area.

Blanchard and Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, are working on the recruiting of volunteers. The Supervisor stated that a number of men have already been contacted and have agreed to serve. It is expected that more contacts will be made in the area. Tentative plans are being made for an organization meeting to be held either next week or the week following. Blanchard added that a public announcement of the meeting would be made and all men in the Clarenceville area interested in volunteering are invited to attend. No exact number of volunteers has been set, although at least 12 will probably be required. The volunteer force will operate from a new fire station recently completed on Wheeler Street.

BLANCHARD STATED that the new LaFrance fire truck is expected to be delivered to the township between December 20 and January 1. As soon as the truck arrives and fire personnel are selected, a period of training will be started for the volunteers. They will receive special instruction on the use of the LaFrance truck and equipment as well as general fire fighting. It is expected that the training period will require at least two weeks. All the volunteers are organized and trained, the present fire department.

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If Funds Come Plan Widening Of Orchard Lake

Tentative plans are being drawn by the Oakland County Road Commission for the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Grand River to Fourteen Mile Road in Farmington City and Township. Commission officials stated this week.

Present plans call for the including of the proposed project in the 1953 Road Commission budget. Leon Belknap, Road Commissioner, emphasized that the carrying out of the project will depend on the amount of money available in the budget.

Belknap stated, however, that plans are being drawn and that the project will be proposed in the 1953 County Road Improvement program. A final answer will not be available until after the first of the year when the budget is approved by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Council Plans Sale Of City Hall

James Tennant, City Manager, and Paul Pare, City Attorney, have been directed by the City Council to proceed with the drafting and inserting of legal advertisements seeking sealed bids for the purchase of the Municipal Building.

The bids are expected to be received and opened by the County at the regular meeting in February. Because the actual advertisements have not been drafted as yet, the deadline for receiving bids has not been set. The advertisement contains the provision allowing for the acceptance or rejection.

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COUNCIL TURNS DOWN PROPOSED TRUCK ORDINANCE

Crowds Jam Lobby Of Farmington Post Office



Things are really jumping at the Farmington Post Office these days with long lines piled up in front of the customer windows and tall piles of letters and packages piled up in the work room behind the partitions. This photo, taken Saturday, shows part of the crowd that jammed the lobby during the mid-morning hours.

Santa Claus Plans To Visit City This Saturday

To Arrive At Town Hall About 2 P.M. After Tour

Santa Claus will arrive in Farmington Saturday afternoon about 2:00 p.m., according to a telegram received from the North Pole by Cecil Roberts, chairman of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas activities committee.

Roberts stated that Santa has agreed to stop off at the Town Hall for several hours to talk to Farmington boys and girls before heading back to his headquarters for his minute arrangements before Christmas Eve. The Jaycees have been hard at work during the last few weeks making elaborate preparations for Santa's annual visit. They have just finished a special float which will carry Santa and his reindeer into the city. A colorful throne has also been constructed for Santa which will be installed in the Town Hall. Special Christmas decorations have been erected throughout the business district in preparation for Santa's visit.

Farmington Scout Gets Top Award

Jerry Drumm, 25520 Hemlock, member of Farmington Boy Scout Troop 45, was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor held December 10 at Oakley Park. This is the first Eagle Scout award to be issued in the Southern area in recent years. Jerry joined Scouting in March of 1949 when he received his Tenderfoot rank. He received his second class, first class and star Scout ratings in 1950 and his Life Scout badge in 1951. Jerry has a record of 21 merit badges.

Mother Pins Badge On Eagle Scout



Mrs. Arnold Drumm, 25520 Hemlock, proudly pins the Eagle Scout award on the uniform of her son, Jerry Drumm, Farmington Troop 45, while Mr. Benjam looks on. Jerry received his Eagle Scout award during special ceremonies at the Southern District Court of Honor last Wednesday evening at Oakley Park. Jerry is the first Farmington Boy in a number of years to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Votes 3 To 1 Against Restricting Truck Loads On Residential Streets

The City Council, by a 3 to 1 roll call vote, turned down a proposed ordinance calling for the establishment of an ordinance to regulate the weight and load limits of trucks on residential streets in Farmington.

Action on the proposal was taken following comments both for and against the ordinance by citizens attending the meeting. Immediately following the discussion Councilman James Cavanaugh moved that the proposed truck weight limit ordinance be introduced for action at the next regular meeting. The motion was lost for lack of a second.

Clarenceville Files Application For Transfer Of Funds

The Clarenceville School Board, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved the petition of the Municipal Finance Commission for permission to transfer the surplus from the 1948 Debt Fund to the Building and Site Fund.

According to the Board the surplus amounts to \$35,921. The transfer is being requested in order to provide needed funds for the construction of two additional classrooms on the new Osmus Street Elementary School. If the request is approved the Board has agreed to place the \$25,750 in principal and interest still outstanding in escrow. Action on the request is expected to be taken this week by the Municipal Finance Commission.

Goodfellow Sale Yields \$1,437.80

A total of \$1,437.80 was collected by the Farmington Goodfellows during their annual paper sale held last Friday afternoon at Saturday, December 12. President announced Monday.

Menke stated that this total represents the actual money collected from the two-day paper sale as well as contributions made by the township and city. He said that some individual donations may be received in the next few days to swell the total. Donations are being made in the name of the Farmington Goodfellows and left at the Municipal Building.

Canned and packaged food being contributed by school children will be picked up by the Goodfellows at the various schools on Friday. Youngsters in the Farmington, Clarenceville and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools are participating in the program. The Goodfellows will sort the canned and packaged goods on Friday afternoon with orders available Saturday.

A total of 68 Goodfellows participated in the annual paper sale. The volunteers were members of the various civic and service organizations in the Farmington area. The clubs and organizations include the Exchange Club, Clarenceville Optimist Club, Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, and the City and Township Police.

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Many Churches Will Celebrate Birth Of Christ

Special Yule Programs To Begin December 21

Many churches in the Farmington area have been working for weeks to plan Christmas programs that will bring the real meaning of the Nativity to the hearts of churchgoers. In some cases special readings will be given and in all cases special music will be offered.

All of the following programs are scheduled for Sunday, December 21. The Salem Evangelical Church will present its Festival of Music in a program beginning at 7:30 p.m. A performance by three choirs will be preceded by an organ recital by Mrs. Thelma Addington.

The First Baptist Church Sunday School will present its program Sunday morning and at 7:30 p.m. the choir will offer special music in a candlelight ceremony and colored slides of the Christmas Story will be shown.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will hold regular masses at 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 a.m. and at 12:30 noon.

At 5:00 p.m., the First Methodist (Continued on Page Eight)

Record Flow Of Christmas Mail Pours Into Farmington Post Office

Additional Employees Join Regular Staff To Speed Distribution Of Letters And Packages

The volume of Christmas mail and packages pouring in and out of the Farmington Post Office is heavier and earlier than ever before, according to Charles Habermehl, Farmington Postmaster. Habermehl added that the quantity of letter and parcels handled to date is far in excess of the record number reached at this date a year ago. A new peak was reached Monday and Tuesday with the post office jammed with both incoming and outgoing mail. Habermehl pointed out that the earlier mailing should be of great assistance in more prompt handlings of the mail.

All of the 29 extra post office employees are now on duty sorting and delivering mail and packages. Habermehl stated that the temporary personnel is being used both in the office and on rural and mounted delivery. The Postmaster added that every effort is being made to clear the mail as quickly as possible.

ADDITIONAL HOURS have also been added to the post office schedule for the convenience of Farmington area residents. On Thursday and Friday, the post office will be open until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday the office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Residents are urged to do their mailing as early as possible to insure delivery by Christmas.

Residents are again requested to put their names and addresses on their mail boxes. Habermehl stated that these instructions are important at this time when the volume of mail is heavy and when carrier workers are on duty.

Schools Close Tuesday For Christmas Holiday

Schools in both the Farmington and Clarenceville District will close at the end of classes Tuesday, December 23, for the Christmas holidays, officials announced this week. Students will return to classes on Monday morning, January 5. This year's vacation will cover a period of 12 days. The vacation will afford both teachers and students an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's with their families.

Christmas At Home . . .

is an American tradition. In order that Enterprise employees may spend Christmas Day with their families, next week's issue will be distributed on Wednesday instead of Thursday. The deadline for news and display advertising will be Monday noon. The deadline for classified advertising will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE . . . of the holiday season is now in full swing with Farmington's streets and sidewalks full of busy people. Sidewalks were full and there wasn't enough room left along the curbs for a kiddie car. But the busiest place of all right now is the Farmington Post Office. No sooner is one big pile of letters and packages whittled down than another takes its place and the lines in the lobby just keep growing and growing. If your favorite correspondent's column doesn't happen to appear in this week's issue, don't jump on the writer. It is probably buried under that big stack of mail at the Post Office. Every effort is being made to move the deluge as quickly as possible . . . but that is a big order when it's Christmas time at the post office.

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . .

don't forget to bring the kiddies down to see Santa Claus this Saturday afternoon at the Farmington Town Hall. Santa has agreed to stop off in Farmington for a few hours even though he is a mighty busy fellow right now, and the Junior Chamber has arranged to have Santa stop off at the Town Hall for the annual visit. Santa will arrive about 2:00 p.m. and will remain until 5:00 p.m. He told the Jaycees in his latest telegram that he wanted to meet and talk to all of the boys and girls so he could get his last minute instructions on just how growing and growing. Santa said he would bring along a little treat for all of the youngsters too. So we will be looking for all you kiddies at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, because we want to see Santa, too!

THANKS TO THE GOODFELLOWS . . .

and to you, the citizens of Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi, no family in this area should be without a Christmas this year. As usual, the people of this community gave generously of their time and money to make the annual Goodfellow paper sale a success. In spite of the cold and the weather, the Goodfellows were a helping hand. As a result many less fortunate families in the community will have a Christmas after all. We don't want to leave out the boys and girls of Farmington, Clarenceville and Our Lady of Sorrows. Santa has made the elaborate plans. Right on! The Goodfellows got to school this Friday to help fill up those badly needed Christmas baskets. We don't even have to wait for the results on this project . . . we know right now it will be a big success.

JUST A REMINDER . . .

to you busy drivers and pedestrians . . . please take it easy! Don't let an accident spoil your Christmas . . . or the Christmas of anyone else. Remember the streets are full of people hurrying back and forth with their arms full of gifts. They are out for a merry and bright Christmas and it is where you must remember. This is the most dangerous time of the year as far as traffic accidents are concerned in spite of the fact that it is supposed to be the most joyous. So be alert to danger and help keep the season as it should be, joyful and happy. And remember, if you drink, don't drive . . . it is an invitation to trouble. Let's make it a bright and cheerful Christmas . . . not a dark and dreary one.

ON THE SUBJECT . . .

On Christmas, and what other subject is there at this time of the year, have you noticed the increased number of colorful home decorations popping up in the past few days? One of the more pleasant treats of Christmas is an annual tour of the city with the whole family to view the bright and unusual home decorations arranged by our friends and neighbors. It is a sight to see and it is worth the work but they are well worth the effort. The decorating of homes at Christmas is a custom that should be encouraged. It adds much to the real spirit of the holiday season. So for a really pleasant treat, gather the family together and pile into the family car for a tour of the area . . . we are sure you will enjoy it!