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Ralph Gibbons Wins Promotion in Germany

Ralph F. Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibbons of 26001 Hubbard Avenue, Livonia, was recently promoted to the rank of specialist third class in Germany, the Army disclosed this week.

His wife, Kay, lives at 8824 Stoeppel Street in Detroit.

A member of the 57th Ordnance Group, Specialist Gibbons is a clerk-typist in the group's headquarters. He entered the Army in July, 1954, and completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Gibbons graduated from Farmington High School in 1947.

ORGANIC GARDEN GROUP HAS TURKEY DINNER IN LIVONIA

Turkeys with all the trimmings were enjoyed at the December meeting of the Wayne County Organic Gardening and Farming Club last Saturday evening.

Pot luck dishes were brought, and the serving table was decorated with a Christmas centerpiece, surrounded by angels and candleabra lighting. A Christmas tree completed the holiday setting which was at Mach's Flowers service room on Merriman Road.

Mr. Walter Mach, president, welcomed the group and introduced the "Mach Flowers" personnel who were honored guests. Christmas music was rendered by Mr. Frank Ross and Miss Joan Yuhasz.

Mrs. Walter Mach and Mrs. A. C. Decker had general charge of the dinner. There were door prizes and square dancing was enjoyed by many members with Dr. William C. Kemmer, Jr., as caller.

G. A. A. Playday Swimming Meet Held At Ferndale

Sixteen G. A. A. girls attended a swimming meet at Ferndale High School December 8.

The meet consisted of ten events. The first event was called the three legged race, with Gayne Boyce and Sandra Hart as partners and Barbara Hoppe and Alice Annette as partners.

The second event, the foot first race, was won by Pam Chapman. The object of this race was to swim the length of the pool feet first. The other girl from Farmington in the event was Audrey Allen.

The third event, called musical stones, included everyone from both schools. Lois Ayres won for Farmington.

The fourth event, won by Ferndale, was a potato spoon race. The girls participating from F. H. S. were Mary Ann Ohman and Lois Ayres.

Fight Against TB Through Christmas Seals Started In 1907 Continues

Forty-eight years ago, on December 7, 1907, the Christmas Seals that fight tuberculosis throughout the United States were born, recalls the Tuberculosis and Health Society.

Back in those days tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in this country, but little was done about this dreaded contagion which would never be free of this menace unless the entire nation combined to fight against it, each citizen contributing according to his ability. The Christmas Seal, which had been introduced in Europe several years earlier, was the answer.

So the fight of the American people against one of their chief disease enemies became associated with the Christmas season, the season of giving, of fellowship, of good will toward men.

What Christmas package or letter is complete without Christmas Seals? Each one you use helps to pay for year-around efforts against TB by your voluntary tuberculosis association.

The dollars used to buy Christmas Seals have helped save millions of American lives. But their work is far from finished. More than 400,000 Americans are now estimated to have active tuberculosis.

Christmas Seals work for you every day — in finding the people who have TB without knowing it and whose lives are in danger and who may be endangering your life by spreading TB germs; in showing what you can do to protect yourself and your family from TB; and in supporting research which may some day remove the tuberculosis threat altogether.

All are urged to buy and use Christmas Seals generously.



Buy and use Christmas Seals... Fight Tuberculosis!

World In Miniature Depicted At Ford Museum Exhibit

Christmas has arrived at the Henry Ford Museum for a month-long visit. The extensive and colorful exhibit, "The World in Miniature," is now open to the general public.

The Museum is again stressing the unusual as it presents an elaborate collection of miniature and models representing five major categories of the Museum, including agriculture, power, transportation, architecture and design and fine arts.

Highlighting the agricultural section are scale model reapers, sowers, cultivators and plows fabricated by inventors for the United States Patent Office.

Focal point of the Yuletide exhibit is a large, dollhouse-like model of Richmond Hill, the Ford plantation residence in Wayne County. The existing prototype was specially built to show the late Mrs. Henry Ford how her new southern mansion would appear after construction.

The completely furnished dollhouses, one from the 19th century and the other dating to the 1920's round out the architecture and interior design section.

The Museum's automotive section is remembered with a unique one-quarter scale working model of the first successful Benz car. Items from the fabulous Chrysler King collection of miniatures, on exhibit for the first time, illustrate other modes of transportation. Included are accurately constructed models of graceful clipper ships, swift two-masted schooners and other sleek and sturdy sailing ships that were built by our New England forefathers.

After that, locomotive and fire engine models complete the transportation display.

From the Museum's Fine Arts collection come examples of the 18th - 19th century craftsman in glass, ceramics, woodworking and metalwork.

Two personal possessions of the P. T. Barnum midget, Tom Thumb, on exhibit are the famed mite's bicycle and a brougham carriage which Queen Victoria had built for Tom's world journey. Also displayed is "the smallest book in the world," a collection of poems by Omar Khayyam.

"Christmas in Miniature" will be open to the public during regular Museum visiting hours from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The show can be seen in the Special Exhibits area through January 3.

Highway Death Record Deemed Likely In State

It now appears almost certain that more than 2,000 persons will lose their lives in Michigan traffic in 1955.

This probability was borne out when a State Police traffic accident report revealed that the death toll for the first ten months of 1955 was 1,614.

Should the total for the year pass the 2,000 mark, it will be the third time in recorded Michigan traffic history. The high record was in 1927 with 2,175, and the second high in 1941 with 2,133.

Injuries for the first ten months of this year total 49,000 and reported accidents 154,571. These figures represent increases of nine and five per cent, respectively, over the same period of 1954. Deaths in rural areas were up 15 per cent while urban deaths were down seven per cent.

Mileage traveled the first nine months of this year, the latest figure available, was 22.1 billion, an increase of nearly nine per cent over 20.3 billion in the same period last year. The death rate of 6.4 per 100 million miles of travel was up two per cent.

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F. H. S. DEBATERS SPLIT IN LEAGUE TOURNEY DEC. 5

The first Inter-Lakes Debate League tournament was held Monday, December 5, at Walled Lake. The following schools took part: Southfield, Van Dyke, Walled Lake, Waterford and Farmington.

Farmington's affirmative, Barbara Place and Nancy Hodgins, defeated Waterford's negative, Dan Burnett and Nick Spicer, lost to Walled Lake's affirmative team.

The wins and losses in the first tournament were as follows:

School	Won	Lost
Southfield	2	0
Walled Lake	2	0
Farmington	1	0
Waterford	0	2
Van Dyke	0	2

Farmington's J. V. squad acted as time keepers and assistants.

Increasing opportunities are being given to J. V. debaters to gain experience within the league, according to Mr. Lloyd Smith, debate coach.

A circulating trophy will go to the winner of the most debates in the league, he also announced. Members of the J. V. team are: S. Bunnell, R. Spaller, M. Stening, M. Walker, J. Crossett, D. Fenton, W. Moorman, D. Stumbough, S. Hart.

Lansing Eastern, Local Students Debate Here

Four Lansing Eastern students participated in a practice debate held at F. H. S. on December 7.

The subject for the debate was "Resolved: Should the government guarantee higher education to qualified high school graduates through grants to colleges and universities?"

Nick Spicer and Dan Burnett took the negative while the Lansing Eastern students took the affirmative.

Kay Polock Named Honor Student At College

Kay Carolyn Polock of 33051 Raphael Road was named last week as an honor student for the first semester at Mercy College in Detroit. Announcement of her superior academic accomplishment for the semester was made by Sister Mary Justine, dean of the school.

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