

Along The Creek In Woodcreek

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Sorry to be so slow in introducing our new neighbors. They are Leslie and Stephanie Richardson, who moved into their handsome new home at the end of Westbrook Road late in October.

They had previously lived on Mount Vernon in Southfield Township. There are two children, Tommy, age 14, and Todd, 10 months old.

Mr. Richardson is a partner in the firm of Richardson and Netto, mason contractors.

He and Tommy love sports, particularly baseball, bowling, and basketball. Mrs. Richardson likes to paint, and her present project is a mural on the wall of the family room. Her other hobbies are sewing, bowling and pinocle.

Ray and Helen Reese were guests at the last meeting of the Peder Club, substituting for the Bob Swifts. Dick and Vera Norwall were hosts.

Conrad and Marion Lam attended a two day meeting last weekend of the Cardiovascular Surgeons Club at Ann Arbor. Conrad is president.

While the doctors were observing operations and reading papers, the wives toured the new University of Michigan campus and library. Saturday night there was a cocktail party and dinner at the Town Club, with surgeons from Chicago, Trenton and Detroit, and their wives, attending.

Harry Lang joined eight of his old high school buddies for a skiing trip at Boyne Mountain this past weekend. The wives had their bit of fun by going downtown to see Katherine Hepburn in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Congratulations to Charles Brown on his appointment as general purchasing agent for the newly formed Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln division of the Ford Motor Company.

Ruth Weaver is entertaining 14 members of the choir of Franklin Community Church at a luncheon and handkerchief shower today. The guest of honor is Jean Clark, who is leaving soon for her new home in Pittsburg.

Looking Ahead

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harn doors and saw several hundred wood bunk beds, and scores of workers milling around. They were living in the barracks. My hosts volunteered no comment.

Tito's Picture

Trifunovic took me to a residential area on the farm. The dwellings were white stucco units joined together. There were about 40 units, in four tiers. The grounds around them were untended, grown up in weeds. The gateway into this residential area had an arch over it, to support a big oval picture of Dictator Tito smiling down.

Zecovic said the farm operated 200 tractors. I saw five in operation. I also saw one of the biggest corn fields I've ever seen—two square miles of tall standing Nebraska hybrid. My hosts said there are many collective farms in Yugoslavia but that most of the land is in small privately-owned tracts. The small farmers are apparently as strictly controlled as the collectives. They are assigned quotas to produce, and they must pay taxes on the basis of the quotas even if they fail to reach them. None is permitted more than 25 acres. Few have as much as five acres.

Meager Income

Here at Panchevski Rit, family income depends on the farming success of the particular unit in which the family works. The pay is in produce, credited to the family's account. This "income" ranges in value from \$25 to \$50 a month. There are 21 units in the collective. Some work in wheat, some with swine, some in sugar beets, etc. Each has its director. The Director General said that while the land of Panchevski Rit is owned by the Government, the workers exercise control over everything through workers' councils. This same plan, I was told later, gives democratic control to the workers in Yugoslavia's government-owned industries, in the stores and other state enterprises.

On the basis of what I have seen with my own eyes I'm convinced the workers—in industries and on the farms—exercise no control at all over questions affecting their welfare. Milovan Djilas, who was Tito's closest friend, vice president in the Tito government until he began complaining about abolition of individual freedom as Communism extended its power in Yugoslavia, has said, in a book written in his prison cell just a few miles from here, and sneaked out past the guards: "Compulsory is the result of monopoly of ownership over all, or almost all, national property. The worker finds himself in the position of having not only to sell his labor, he must sell it under conditions which are beyond his control. There is only one employer, the State."

Another conclusion of mine: Yugoslavia, under Tito is as much a part of the Communist world empire and its military establishment as is Red China. Every sign here indicates this fact.



LEAVING January 7 for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago, Illinois, to begin 12 weeks of basic boat training was William Clark Grant. Following completion of his basic boat training he hopes to enter an aviation mechanics school in Florida. Bill graduated from Utica High last June. He was a student at Farmington High, however, during his freshman and sophomore years.

Icy Paving

Cold weather causes many problems for drivers, but the coldest days aren't necessarily the most dangerous, says Township Chief of Police Irving Yakes. So far as icy pavements are concerned, the greatest danger arises when the temperature is close to the melting point. A car moving at 20 miles an hour requires a braking distance of about 114 feet on plate ice when the temperature is near zero. But as 29 degrees the braking distance increases to about 225 feet! With a good set of reinforced tire chains, these braking distances are cut to about 77 feet more than in half, the chief points out.

Find Wood—Not Gold

It would be a pretty difficult job for anyone to list all the commodities exported from the U.S. today, but back in 1608 there was only one: wood. The colonists at Jamestown didn't find gold as they had expected, but they found valuable forests from which trees were cut and shaped into poles, shakes and other forest products which were exported to England as America's first merchantable cargo.

Bits of News From Section II

Jean Droz MA. 6-2832

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lake of Aylee Kay report they had an enjoyable visit from their daughter Shirley and her husband, Captain R. H. Miller, from Valdosta, Georgia, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, former residents of Aylee Kay who more recently had made their home in Yonkers, New York, are now reported to be back in Michigan to stay.

Marian BeBeau attended the American Spinal Club Specialty Show in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel on January 4 and 5.

Mrs. Orofino of Greening St. gave a birthday party for her granddaughter on her fourth birthday, January 17. Mrs. Albert Kiser and her children attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Packard of Aylee Kay announce the arrival of a baby girl, Lisa Ann, born on January 3 at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

Do you know—I'm positively amazed. I've just been shopping in Farmington, and found some excellent bargains. And there were many delightful new things, too!



Yes, and have I had my eyes opened lately. Just the other night we started figuring how much it cost us to shop downtown or at fancy shopping centers out of our territory. It takes a lot of driving time, too. Joe and I had figured our local stores couldn't compete with those places, but we are learning there are lots of other things to be considered now that we're on an economy binge.

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Our apologies to the author of the headline, but it fits.

Yes, many of our good neighbors are governed in their shopping by old habits, perhaps learned when they lived in the city.

Today, with our local merchants maintaining up-to-date stores, and having ready access to sources of supply, it's an entirely different story.

The best products of factories, looms and style centers are right in stock in Farmington stores for our immediate choosing. It isn't necessary to wait for a delivery, and wonder if the item delivered will be the right size, or be damaged and necessitate time-consuming negotiations with a large and slow organization. You are protected from the fly-by-night operator out to make a fast buck.

We want you to be able to get everything you need right in Farmington —yet the variety and volume of merchandise our stores can carry DEPENDS ON THE PATRONAGE OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. If you want to keep our stores, and see them grow with the community, you'll have to patronize them . . . regularly and 100%. No community can have any better stores than its citizens deserve BY THEIR PATRONAGE.

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