

Editorial Page

Goodfellows Need Help

Please think at least twice when you see some man selling newspapers in Farmington city and township this Friday and Saturday. It will be one of the Goodfellows organization. He doesn't need your help, but a great many others do, and he is trying to assist them to a happy Christmas.

This Friday, December 12, the Goodfellows will be out in force, working hard at their annual program to see that no family in the community will be forgotten at Christmas! Like just about everything, one person or one group can not do it alone. It takes help from many groups, and that is just what is always done in Farmington.

You may well wonder why these men and women take time at such a busy season to go out into raw weather and try to sell you a small newspaper. In the past there has been a good answer, and it will probably always be the same answer. It is "the heart of Christmas"... the satisfaction of helping others who need help.

You can capture that feeling too, by helping less fortunate neighbors. The dollar or quarter you give to the Farmington Goodfellows this Friday and Saturday will bring more joy and happiness to someone than you can imagine.

It's a sad fact that this Xuletide a great many more families need some kind of help than the last couple of years. The Christmas spirit is a very real thing, very wonderful. Give to the Farmington Goodfellows and see for yourself!

Deserving My Best

Making the rounds of the newspapers is a clipping that someone somewhere wrote about "My Town." We're sorry we can't say who wrote it, but the thought is important, especially when so many things are brewing in Farmington city and township.

"My town is the place where I live, where I am employed, where I vote. It is where my children are educated and my neighbors dwell. It is where my life is chiefly lived. It is my home."

"My town has the right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I should support it."

"My town wants my citizenship, not my partisanship; my friendliness, not my dissension; my sympathy, not my criticism; my intelligence, not my indifference."

"My town supplies me with protection, trade friends, education, schools, churches, and the right to free moral citizenship. It has some things that are better than others; the best things I should seek to make better; the worst things I should help to suppress."

"All in all, it is my town and it is entitled to the best there is in me."

Buy at Home

Everyone is awfully busy this time of year, so time saved is very important.

There are many advantages to buying in your home community. Time is one, effort another, and support of local merchants has many unseen advantages. You're helping them to support your government services and schools. Play Santa at home, too.

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What's New With OUR NEIGHBORS

NOVI—If present plans materialize, Novi will have a village manager before the end of this year.

The deluge of applications for the village manager post had now been narrowed to five and the council has already begun interviews in hopes of making a selection before December 31.

Currently, the council and namely President Tuck is assuming the responsibilities of the manager.

Under the village charter, the manager, who holds office at the pleasure of the five-member council is the chief administrative officer of the village government. He is charged with carrying out the policies formulated by the council and with the responsibilities of supervision and management of all services of the village.

—The Novi News

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Sound yet economical building construction, a teaching program for the quarters based on preparing students for college, and a classroom of 25 pupils, are the guiding policies of Bloomfield Hills school board. These policies form the basis for the Bloomfield Hills board of education's decisions, according to Bloomfield Hills School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson.

Johnson made the statement to clear up questions in connection with the school board's long asking voters to approve a four-mill increase in school taxes and a \$1,165,000 bond issue for new school construction.

The superintendent said the school district's board of education was guided by a policy of economical use of construction dollars, at the same time emphasizing the teaching of languages, science and mathematics, and adhering to the private school policy of small classrooms.

Schools that are attractive and built to last 50 years, with good classrooms, are the goals of what Johnson calls a "conservative" building program.

"We build no swimming pools, no little theatres, no auditoriums, no large auditoriums, no print shops—just good classrooms," Johnson said.

As for curriculum "fills," the administrator said the district has a modest home economics and a modest shop program which emphasizes pre-engineering training.

—The Birmingham Eccentric

LIVONIA—Water pressure problems throughout the city should be resolved by the construction of close to \$1,000,000 worth of water mains and other facilities within the immediate future, the department of public works director stated.

Fire contracts totaling \$821,948 have been approved by the City Council. The construction will be paid for with a \$1 million water revenue bond recently sold by the city without the use of tax funds and with no increase in rates for water users.

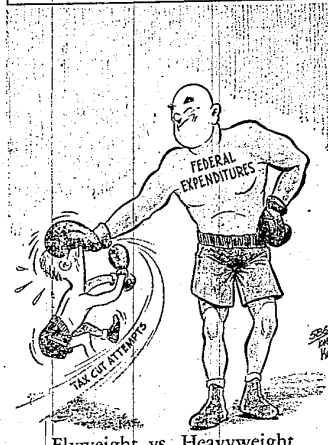
The new facilities will raise water pressure throughout the city but should be especially appreciated by residents in the area north of Seven Mile from Middlebelt westward. Lack of adequate mains to serve this area has led to some residents being completely without water at times during extremely dry periods.

A big 24 inch main along Plymouth will be installed by the Water Board will serve the Chevrolet Spring and Bumper and Ford Transmission Plants and provide adequate service for future industrial development in this area.

Construction of a 350,000 gallon standpipe along Hagerty Rd. halves the water pressure in East Main will equalize pressure in this area and provide an adequate year-around water supply in the northwest area.

—The Livonian

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State Recovering Slowly From Impact of "Great Recession"

MICHIGAN IS RECOVERING slowly but surely from the "great recession" of 1932. But the impact and its ripples reaching to every corner of the economy linger on. Men are going back to work in the automobile factories, but it may be a year or two before full recovery will result in full employment.

The state unemployment compensation fund is low during the period and the prosperity of individual workers and their families suffered. Although the trend is now reversed, it will take time to recover.

Hardest-hit of governmental functions was the public welfare system and taxpayers will be paying that bill for months.

Nine counties ran out of money before Dec. 1 and called upon the state to support their entire welfare programs.

The largest county to that point was Muskegon, the city that several years ago became the classic example of economic distress for the nation.

Counties normally pay up to 70 per cent for welfare services, with the state paying the rest.

First signs of trouble came during the spring when the welfare caseloads dropped, but much less than in other years.

Generally more jobs are available in the summer, but last year there were fewer such opportunities.

The situation worsened steadily. The state welfare officials are predicting a deficit approaching \$15,000,000.

They already have asked for a combined Federal-state-local program totaling \$175,474,204 for 1939-40, a jump from the inadequate \$125,409,359 available during 1938.

Prices of special programs, including direct relief, services to the blind, and other welfare functions will soar from \$55,684,300 to \$91,855,839.

Costs of state institutions under the social welfare department will increase from \$4,226,510 to \$4,270,705, most of the hike going into a new Boys Vocational School at Whitmore Lake.

This is just one phase of state government that will need more money during the next fiscal year.

Mental health officials are anxious to see the overcrowding in hospitals, the state's prisons are jammed and a sidewalk strike at Jackson was attributed to the large backlog of food.

Public health services need expanding to care for an increased caseload; the state's public colleges and universities face the bill for less than a few members unless they get a salary raise.

That is the background, a partial picture of the problems faced by the 1939 legislature, which is already split between House and Senate, Republicans and Democrats, urban and rural.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

December 7, 1933
Credit Bureau
Establishment of a credit bureau in Farmington is viewed as a possibility in the near future, following an address Wednesday at noon by the head of the Pontiac Bureau.

His remarks created enthusiasm among Exchange Club members for a co-operative effort toward improving credit conditions.

The speaker said it would be fully practical for a town the size of Farmington to have a credit bureau. He added that he felt it was not only practical but essential. The businessman who does not unite in the movement, he said is likely to face harder problems than ever before.

Seek "Big Money"
Police of this area are endeavoring to solve a mysterious attack early Tuesday morning on the night watchman at the Sarah-Fisher Orphanage on 12 Mile and Inster roads.

Police reported that the two men involved apparently had false findings that this was a wealthy country home and that large sums of money could be had there. The bandits entered the basement at two o'clock in the morning and covered the night engineer with revolvers.

Police reported that the two men immediately called the police but they were not able to locate the bandits.

TEN YEARS AGO
December 9, 1928
All-League Band
Thirty-three students from the Farmington and Clarenceville high schools were accepted for membership in the Western Oakland County All-League Band.

A total of 63 students from six different schools were selected. The final group was accepted after try-outs in which 90 interested and qualified boys and girls participated. Students elected to represent Farmington, Clarenceville, Holly Keego Harbor, Walled Lake and Milford high schools.

Two concerts will be presented in February by the All-League Band.

Christmas Party
Plans are now completed for the Farmington Community Christmas Party to be held for the children of the Farmington area on Saturday afternoon, December 19, at the Farmington High gymnasium.

A professional magician and a great deal of outstanding local talent will perform.

The party is being sponsored jointly by the Farmington Kiwanis Club, Exchange Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club.

FIVE YEARS AGO
December 10, 1933
Christmas Fair
"Merrie Melodie" of WJW-TV's "Play School" will headline the program scheduled for the Gay Nineties Christmas Fair to be held at the Middlebelt School.

Farmington school T-shirts and dresses in hand-made clothing will be among the many Christmas gift items offered for sale at the country store. A fish pond, games room and movies also will be available.

Santa Claus will be there, too. A smorgasbord dinner will be served from 2 to 8 p.m.

Westbrook School
Plans are now being made for the opening of the new Westbrook elementary school on Osmond St. by January 4.

Construction of a creek well, which will serve as a temporary water supply for the new school, has now been completed. Work is now being completed on the hook-up of the well to the building.

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Once learned and practiced, the principles of "protective driving" should become second nature, says the Institute. This simply means that you drive at all times expecting the other driver to make an unexpected pass at you. Never try to outguess the other driver.

Obeying traffic signs of all kinds is common sense along with making sure your automobile is in good running condition before taking to the highway.

Remember in exchange for your privilege of using the highways, you have the responsibility of avoiding injuries and damage not only to yourself and passengers, but also to other drivers. The alertness and skill required in "protective driving" are yours to accomplish both objectives.

The most successful business man is the man who holds onto the old just as long as it is good and grabs the new just as soon as it is better.

—Robert P. Vanderpel

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