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BEST WISHES FOR

Merry Christmas

**ROSS SHOES**  
FARMINGTON PLAZA

Merry Christmas to you

It is a real pleasure to say "thank you" and wish you the happiest of holidays.

**Modern MEN'S SHOP**  
Farmington Plaza



**FALCON WRESTLERS APPEAR READY** to make a good account of themselves when they open the 1964 half of their schedule in a meet at Redford Union January 2, at 7 p.m. Pictured above are (L to R, top row), coach Steve Evans, Rick Levy, Ken Ferris, Dave Koster, Dick Johnston, Bruce Charles, Jim Sratkowski, Rick Kupferschmidt, and

Tom Ryan; (L to R, middle row) Gary Meade, Dan Klawender, Don Kuffel, Terry Nadeau, Fred Burton, Jeff Derberger, Henry Iverson and Bruce Patterson; and front row (L to R) mgr. Richard Howard, Mark Foster, Bill Cassell, Bryce Swerdlow, Ron Mortenson, Art Woelner, Carl Evangelista, Tony Bugni and Dick Sprague.

**Printer Starts Xmas Cards**

To Louis Prang, a native of Breslau, Germany, goes the credit for being "father of the American Christmas card."

Prang, a lithographer who began a greeting card business in Roxbury, Mass., exhibited his own cards at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. He then had the idea of holding an annual competition to obtain the best of American art for cards.

Hundreds of paintings were entered in Prang's contest, for prizes from two hundred to one thousand dollars. Winners, with two exceptions, were artists born in the United States.

Women artists were well represented among winners. Rosina Emmet was the mother of the late author and playwright, Robert Emmet Sherwood. Others were Dora Wheeler, Anne Morse, Lizabeth Humphrey and Florence Taber.

The group of 20 Prang prize cards is owned by Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers.

**HEARD IN APRIL**

Handel's "Messiah," often heard at the Christmas season, was begun in August, finished in September and first performed in April.

1922—30-hour week adopted as a policy by the Ford Motor Company.

**Holiday Safety Tips For Those Traveling**

Christmas is traditionally the season for taking to the road to visit families, relatives and friends—but it's the wise driver who knows that heavy holiday traffic and winter driving conditions call for extra safety precautions.

The Econo-Car Rental System dealer of 30300 Grand River.

Whether you're making a short trip or a long distance journey back home, remember—to enjoy your holiday visit and return home safely, drive with special care and make certain your car is in top operating condition.

**THE TRAVEL** service department of Econo-Car International, Inc., coast-to-coast rental system, offers the following safety pointers for driving during the Yuletide holidays:

1.) Whether you're going only a few miles away or making a long trip, before you start out, make sure the car's brakes, tires, lights, steering apparatus, windshield wipers and horn are functioning properly. The safety items should be checked regularly, not only at inspection time.

2.) Plan your route if you're going on a long drive, and check traffic and weather conditions ahead. Also, get an early start and try to beat heavy traffic; remember that statistics show that the early hours of a holiday are the most hazardous—6 deaths an hour during the first 12 hours, and 4 deaths an hour during the last 12 hours.

3.) If snow is on the ground, be sure the car's equipped with snow tires on the rear wheels or chains on regular tires. If roads are clear, don't forget to have either snow tires or chains in the trunk—and if you've never fitted chains, practice ahead of time.

- 4.) **WHEN DRIVING** up a hill covered with ice, hard-packed snow, or wet from rain, use a high gear and gain speed. Try to get maximum momentum on the good portion of the road. If wheel spin starts, ease back on the throttle.
- 5.) Stopping distances have to be increased on snow-bound or icy roads. Use brakes gently, and if the wheels lock, let the brakes off immediately. Allow yourself plenty of time for braking before coming to a halt.
- 6.) To help prevent skidding, try giving the brake pedal several light dabs. If the car does go into a skid, remember to turn the steering wheel in the direction in which the rear end is skidding.
- 7.) On any steep descent, start off slowly—no more than walking pace.
- 8.) Always carry emergency equipment—spare tire, jack and wrench, flashlight and flares.
- 9.) **REMEMBER THE** general rules for safe driving not only during the holidays, but the year round—study traffic several cars ahead, and not just the car directly in front of you. Don't "tailgate" the car in front, obey all the road signs, always signal properly, when passing or changing lanes, keep clear of highway fatigue, and, of course, obey all speed limits and, in fact, drive even slower on icy, wet, or snow-clogged roads. Also, slow down for night driving.
- 10.) Finally, if you're filled with Christmas spirits, make sure they're not the liquid kind. Remember that more than 50 per cent of fatal automobile accidents are caused by drinking or speeding.
- Have a good trip and a happy holiday.

**'He' and 'She' Holly Trees**

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.

An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies—the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year—"he" or "she."

A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule; but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master.

Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even forget to girls the names of their future husbands.

Michigan's No. 1 crop in value is corn with production ataining 110 million bushels in some years. Second to this comes hay and pasture, and from these crops stem live stock and livestock products that make up two-thirds of Michigan's agricultural income.

Michigan ranks tenth or higher in production of more than 20 major crops, although ranking only 22nd in land area.

**Warding Off Witches Led to Candy Canes**

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in watching the candies that casting of evil spells was forgotten, reports the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery Institute.

1929—Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor opened.



Greetings AND BEST WISHES FOR THE Christmas Season

**Dickerson's Hardware**  
Orchard Lake Rd. at 10 Mile  
GR. 4-3223

Looking for something?...

LOOK TO THE **WANT ADS**

**C**hristmas is almost here again and we . . .

**H**ope Santa treats you kindly.

**R**emember to drive safely over the holidays.

**I**t's really the smart thing to do.

**S**o if we don't see you before the 1st,

**T**his thought we would pass along.

**M**ay we wish you a Merry Christmas

**A**nd the Happiest New Year . . . from the

**S**ERVICE DEPARTMENT at . . .

**Bill Root Chevrolet**  
32715 GRAND RIVER GR. 40500

EXPERT COLLISION WORK — FREE ESTIMATES INSURANCE CLAIMS

**Merry Christmas**

Up hill, down dale we go to spread glad tidings of joy and festivity! It would take ten coaches to hold all the good wishes we have to give our good friends and patrons for a most happy and hearty holiday season—and many, many more still to come!

**Farmington Cleaners**  
32725 GRAND RIVER AVE.  
GR. 4-3010

**Yule Colors of Red, Green Have Meaning**

The traditional colors of the Christmas season are red and green. Yet these colors have meant different things to different people over the ages. Color has been used as the symbol of abstract ideas from time immemorial.

In early and medieval Christian art colors had a mystic or symbolic meaning. Red indicated passion. In its good sense it was a symbol of divine energy and love and the creative power of the Holy Spirit; in its bad sense it was a sign of hate. In that meaning it became an emblem of Satan.

Emerald green is often the symbol of hope and growth in many Christian paintings.

Colors played an important role in medieval magic and superstition. For example, the famous "philosopher's stone," which the alchemists thought would turn base metals into gold and cure all diseases, was thought to be colored red, according to the Encyclopedia Americana. Red was also a favorite curative color in more recent superstitions.

In Indonesia, the people think a piece of bright red coral will keep its owner's teeth in good order, and there are people everywhere who are sure that a person owning a ruby will live to a ripe old age.

Green was a sacred color among the ancient and medieval Egyptians who wore it as a symbol of hope and the joy of spring. The Muslims carried this symbolism throughout the Middle East, and the faithful, on returning from the pilgrimage to Mecca, wear a green turban.

Michigan produces two-thirds of the nation's supply of eastern white winter wheat used in pastry and crackers, and as a blender for other flours. Good demand, sometimes at premium prices, keeps it from being a surplus item.

**A Bright and Merry Christmas**  
GLAD TIDINGS TO ALL AND SPECIAL WISHES FOR THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY.

**FARMINGTON Lumber Co.**  
32800 Grand River  
GR. 4-4015

**THE WISE MEN BRING THEIR GIFTS TO THE MANGER**

from a medieval wood carving at Coddensham, Suffolk, England

at this joyous Christmas-tide, all of us extend to you our sincere greetings of the season . . .

**METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK of FARMINGTON**