



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Around The Block

MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Greetings are in the air. Everywhere you go, along Farmington's main street, in the friendly neighborhood stores throughout the city and township, it's the same friendly greeting. And right here and now we want to add our bit to the holiday season. From everyone at The Farmington Enterprise to everyone at your house, a very Merry Christmas. We appreciate the opportunity to say "Season's Greetings" this way, an opportunity you and you alone have made possible. So, the very best to you and your family this Christmas, 1950, from your Hometown Newspaper.

HEY, KIDS
and that goes for you parents too, don't forget Santa Claus himself will be in Farmington this Saturday, December 23. Thanks to the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, Santa is making another quick, just-before-Christmas trip to Farmington. He wants to see and talk to just as many of you kids as possible, so don't forget to be down to the Town Hall park Saturday at 3:00 p.m. It will be a swell chance to give Santa the final word on what you want him to bring you Christmas Eve. Besides that, he will have a little gift bag of goodies just for you. We will be seeing you Saturday, then, because we wouldn't miss it for the world.

THE HEIGHTS OF SOMETHING
was brought to our attention last Saturday, and we just can't figure it out. A load of Christmas trees headed for Maybury Sanatorium was being trucked down Halsted Road last week when one of the trees fell out. This happened between 11 and 12 Mile Roads. According to the report we received, a woman following the truck stopped as soon as the tree fell, picked it up, put it in her car and sped off before the tree could be retrieved. It so happened that persons had donated money to purchase the trees which were to be used for children at the Sanatorium. Thus the children will have one less tree this Christmas, thanks to the selfishness of some unidentified person. Maybe she thought it was smart, but it is hardly the Christmas spirit — not as we think of it, anyway.

THIS WEEK END
which is the week end prior to Christmas, Farmington will be able to absorb Christmas through its ears, too. Salem Church, located right across from the Town Hall, has installed the equipment necessary to broadcast Christmas music to anyone within earshot. We think it's a pretty good idea. Christmas music more or less makes the difference between December 25 and Christmas to us, and having Salem Church broadcast the traditional carols and Yuletide songs won't make us unhappy at all.

EVERY YEAR
at this time, probably because of a lack of sufficiently well-documented evidence, we hear subtle insinuations casting doubt upon the Spirit of Christmas personified, Santa Claus. In a nation which prides itself on having the highest standard of living, the greatest level of mass education, and the smartest technologists, such insinuations are direct contradictions of our supposed higher level of thinking. They're stupid. Those who would create doubt as to the authenticity of Santa Claus are those who have been beguiled into dunes of their thinking facilities. "Documentary evidence? Stories of the exploits of Santa Claus can be found wherever there is a printed page, yet we have found no good evidence to disprove the simple existence of Santa Claus.

FOR INSTANCE
maybe you've never seen the old gentleman sliding down the stony limits of a modern gas furnace's chimney. True, no one has. According to the best books, the red-clothed chap has the power to contract his size to a point of invisibility, so this is not a problem. Even so, those who seek evidence beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Spirit of Christmas personified exists, we refer to last Saturday, for instance. A lot of busy business and professional men, whose very time is money, spent a lot of time to collect \$1500 for the needy. And any who doubt it, obviously, was not a little to look on the faces of any youngsters who have visited with a department store Santa Claus, or who face a Christmas tree in the morning of December 25. We refer to the fellow who makes a habit of following a tight budget, but for some reason to buy gifts for the needy. It is the spirit of giving which attends a Christmas carol concert. In short, we refer to Christmas. Try to divorce Santa Claus from the inner happiness, call it "Brotherly love" if you will, of Christmas. It can't be done. Santa Claus has been, and will be, so long as Christmas is Christmas and there is still a little love and kindness and generosity and cheer left anywhere in the world. And we can't help thinking that will last for a long, long time.

Trojans Drop Two Cage Contests

Clarencville's basketball team dropped two games during the past week to slip to the 500 mark for the season.

The Trojans bowed to Northville High School last Friday evening 40 to 27 in a game on the Northville floor. The Trojans lost from the early moments of the game, with Northville building up a commanding lead. The score at half-time was Northville 16 - Clarencville 9. Northville racked up 24 points in the last half to Clarencville's 15 points to win 40 to 27.

Bob Goddett was high point man for Clarencville with 13 points to his credit. The Clarencville Reserves dropped their game to the Northville Reserves 62 to 20.

On Monday night, Clarencville bowed to Milford 44 to 21 in a game at Clarencville. Again the Trojans were unable to get off to an early start and Milford built up a sizable lead in the early part of the game. The score at half-time was Milford 24 and Clarencville 12. The second period saw Milford lengthen its lead, scoring 22 points to only 5 points for the Trojans. The final score was the highest, individual score for any Trojan player.

Clarencville has now won two while losing two thus far this season. The next test for the Trojans is against South Lyon on January 9 at South Lyon. The Trojans defeated South Lyon earlier this season 38 to 33.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD THURSDAY FOR JAMES LAYN

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, December 21, for James E. Layn, long time resident of Farmington and owner of General Auto Repair.

Mr. Layn passed away suddenly Monday, December 18, at his residence, 33712 Grand River, Farmington. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey, February 11, 1897, the son of David and Ida May Layn. Mr. Layn has been a resident of Farmington for 25 years.

He was a charter member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Layn was married to Miss Jean Chamberlain August 7, 1928, who survives him. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mildred Dorn of California and one brother, Martin Layn of Lansing, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Spencer J. Healey Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. Burial with Rev. Stanley Stone officiating. Interment will be at the Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Oakland Lions Plan Kids Christmas Party

Members of the Oakland Lions Club will give the giant Christmas party for 150 youngsters this Thursday evening at the West Bloomfield Town Hall.

The youngsters have been selected by the Club for the Christmas party. A big dinner will be served and candy will be given to the youngsters. The dinner is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Township Road Repair Program Progressing

Board Discusses Second Fire Station

Farmington Township's road repair program is moving along well, members of the Township Board were told Tuesday night by Ernest Blumhagen, Township Supervisor. The northwest corner of the township has been finished, and work is going ahead in other parts of the area.

Under provisions of the road program, the township is paying for the hauling and spreading of gravel purchased by the county on county approved roads. Nearly 1,000 yards of gravel have already been spread, with more to come. The township approved the hauling and spreading of some 5,000 yards of gravel to repair township roads.

DISCUSS FIRE STATION

An additional fire station to serve outlying portions of the township was discussed by the board, although no action was taken. Difficulty in finding a place to house the township's fire truck was cited to be the chief obstacle standing in the way of the second station.

The board also approved the construction plans for an overflow septic tank drainfield for homes in one of the new subdivisions in the township. The system was recommended by drainage engineers to ease waterlogged septic systems.

Members of the Township Board also had in many sections of the township, low, heavy soil and a high water level make any septic system unworkable regardless of the quality of construction.

Boys Invited To Help Erect Hockey Rink

Dr. Joseph Gadway announced Monday that a special meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Farmington skating rink for boys interested in hockey.

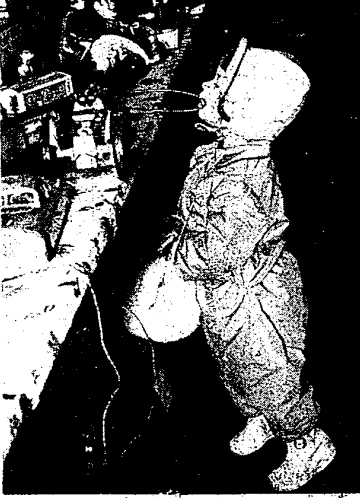
Dr. Gadway stated that 30 to 40 boys are wanted to assist in erecting a new hockey rink adjacent to the city skating rink on the north side of Shiloh Avenue. If there is sufficient interest in the project, several hockey teams will be formed and coached by Dr. Gadway. Boys are requested to bring hammers only. The section will be pre-cut and ready for erection.

Refreshments will be served to the boys.

Falcons Receive JayCee Trophy

Coach Bill Nuss didn't know what to make of the trophy presented him Wednesday night by Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce master of ceremonies, Jim Warner. The trophy, an antique tea pot, inscribed with the score of the 1950 Farmington-Clarencville football game, was inaugurated by the JayCees this year with hopes of its becoming a traditional trophy similar to the one which the Old Oak Buckets. The trophy was presented at the Farmington-Clarencville football banquet sponsored by the Farmington JayCees at the Clarencville High School. However, chances are that the annual hotly-contested game will never be a tea party for either team.

If It Was Just A Little Lower . . .



Just plain too high were the top shelves down at Robertson's Hardware last week end when little Betty Jane Schmidt, daughter of Clarencville's school superintendent and Mrs. Louis Schmidt, went shopping with her father. Like dozens of other neighborhood kids, Miss Schmidt was out looking over the possibilities and saying, "I want a —" in preparation for Christmas. The bright colors and natural curiosity brings Betty Jane to her tiptoes for a better look.

Churches Observe Christmas With Special Services, Musical Programs

Farmington churches will observe Christmas this week end with special services and music. Choral programs and special sermon topics will be the order of the day in the birth of Christ is observed by the various religious groups.

At the Farmington Methodist Church, two services will be held. The Sunday School will hold its program at 10 a.m., and the Christmas church worship service will be held at 11:15 a.m. At the Sunday School service, Arthur Sinclair, Detroit choral artist, will tell the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke and illustrate his talk with chalk drawings of the Nativity scene. The Children's Choir will lead the school in carol singing.

At the Methodist worship service, Rev. A. Stanley Stone will give the Christmas message, and the Children's Choir will sing.

Falcons Five Wins Fourth Straight

By VINCENT STOCK

The Farmington Falcons gained their fourth cage triumph of the season last Friday night by defeating the Trojans 33 to 24 at Farmington.

All 15 players on the Falcon squad saw action in the game. Bob Hutton, Don Hunge, Art Olson, Jim Bates and Doug Thompson started for Farmington.

Hutton scored the first five points of the game and the period ended with the Falcons ahead 16 to 10. Hutton scored seven points.

Farmington suffered their second loss of the season Tuesday night, dropping close 44 to 42 game to Trenton.

Olson four, Bates three, and Hunge two. In the second period the score was almost identical to that of the first. The half ended 33 to 12 in favor of Farmington. In that period, Tyler, who replaced Thompson, scored six points, Olson three, Hunge two, and Hutton two each and Bunge one.

The game continued at this free-scoring pace for the Falcons all through the third and final periods. When the final buzzer sounded the Falcons had scored 63 points to Hully's 24.

Hutton was high point man for the Falcons with 13 points. Bates and Olson sank 12 and 11 points respectively.

The Falcon Junior Varsity won their first game of the season 36 to 24.

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High School To Be Included In New Building Program

POST OFFICE TO OPEN THURSDAY, FRIDAY EVENINGS

Christmas mail and packages are pouring in and out of the Farmington Post Office this week at a record rate, according to Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster.

In order to handle the last minute rush, Lee stated that the Farmington Post Office will remain open Thursday and Friday evening until 8:00 p.m. The office will also be open until 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Long lines have been forming at the Post Office all week with the biggest rush expected the latter part of the week. Lee stated that a steady flow of persons took advantage of the special hours last Sunday afternoon.

City OK's Erection Of Hockey Rink

The City Commission has granted approval to Dr. Joseph Gadway for the erection of a hockey rink adjacent to the present city skating area on Shiloh Avenue Street behind the Farmington High School.

Action was taken at the regular meeting of the City Commission Tuesday evening. According to the Commission, Dr. Gadway will erect the hockey rink at his own expense. It will be separate from the regular skating rink. Dr. Gadway plans to form several hockey teams among Farmington youngsters.

The Commission also directed Commissioner Howard Otis to investigate the possibility of erecting several manholes on Liberty Street between State and Alta Loma. Recent rains and snow have caused a serious water condition in the homes in this area. The City has received numerous complaints of flooded basements from home owners on Liberty and Alta Loma. It is believed that manholes would relieve the situation and Otis was directed to see that they are installed.

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Scouts Give Party At Children's Hospital

Boy and Girl Scouts at the Children's Hospital presented a Christmas party at the hospital last Friday. Participating were 10 interned patients and 15 Scouts from the hospital troop, their leader, Miss Patricia Flannery and helper Nancy Whitney, eight boys from Troop 46 and their Scoutmaster, John Samuelson and 15 Senior Scouts of Troop 172 led by their Scouts Lillie.

After games, gifts were presented to Scout patients and their parents by the Senior Girl Scouts. Refreshments were served, and a Boy Scout led the group in singing Christmas carols. Also attending the party were Mrs. G. U. Applegate, Mrs. Joseph DeMarco, and Mrs. A. R. Wright.

Babson's Financial Outlook For 1951 To Appear In Next Week's Issue

Roger W. Babson's business and financial outlook for 1951 will appear in next week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

Mr. Babson — a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics — enjoys a truly remarkable record for accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1950 was 87% correct and his average for the past fifteen years is 87%.

On December 23, 1949, Mr. Babson definitely predicted:

1. That the Taft-Hartley Law would NOT be repealed during 1950.

2. That World War III would NOT start during 1950.

3. That a flood of "natural resource" companies (oil) and income paying stocks (utilities) would begin greatest demand in 1950.

4. That the economy for November, 1950, would NOT change the Congressional situation a great deal.

Mr. Babson's 1951 outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as: General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Retail and Foreign Trade, Labor, Deficit Financing, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate, Fertilizer, and many others.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. He has been a feature in his philosophy has been his lifelong insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Citizens' Committee Discusses Plans At First Meeting, Held Monday

Plans are expected to be drawn for a new Farmington High School as well as expanded elementary school facilities under the new Farmington Township School District building program. It was discussed at the first meeting of the School Citizens' Committee held Monday evening.

The entire meeting was devoted to a general discussion of the school needs as well as future planning. No definite details were reached but a number of opinions were expressed. This was the first of a series of meetings between representatives of organizations in the community and the Board of Education. A total of 12 organizations were represented at the meeting Monday evening.

Goodfellow Paper Sale Hits New High

A record total of more than \$1400 was collected by the Farmington Goodfellows during their two-day paper sale held last Friday and Saturday, Judge John J. Schulte, Jr. announced Monday.

In addition to the funds from the paper sale, 1,531 cans and packages of food have been turned in to date. This canned food will be used to fill Christmas baskets for needy families in the community. The food was collected at the special show held at the Civic Theatre on Friday afternoon and at shows in the various grade schools through out the Farmington Township School District. Children attending the Civic Theatre show were from Our Lady of Sorrows School.

Schulte stated that at least 31 families in the Farmington and Novi areas will receive help this Christmas from Farmington Goodfellows. The total number of families will be as high as 100. These families will receive Christmas baskets of food as well as needed clothing. Funds from the sale of the papers will be used to purchase clothing and buy food to supplement the canned goods collected as admission to the special Goodfellow shows.

Members of the Goodfellows organization were busy Saturday and Monday sorting out the canned goods and getting them ready for the Christmas baskets. The food stuff is being distributed this week to needy families. In addition to the baskets, Farmington Goodfellows will present needy families with merchandise orders for local merchants.

Clarencville Scouts Hold Christmas Party

Clarencville Girl Scout Troop 7 held its Christmas party last Wednesday and simultaneously celebrated the birthday of one of its members, Marie Robertson.

The girls presented gifts which they had made to their mothers, and a box of candy to a scout friend, and played games, concluding the party with Christmas carols.

Mrs. Howard Best and Mrs. Helen Johnson presented the girls with a gift and assisted at the serving. Mrs. Frank led the carol singing.

Santa Pays Last Call Saturday

A last chance for a personal interview with Santa Claus will be given Farmington youngsters this Saturday when he pulls into Farmington for a short visit at 3 p.m. Santa Claus's sleigh and reindeer will be aboard a truck this Saturday, and Santa will ride his sleigh into Farmington, escorted by Farmington police, who will join him as he drives up Grand River Avenue from the direction of Novi.

The parking area on Farmington Road next to the Town Hall will be blocked off to allow Santa's conveyance to be parked. Santa will leave his sleigh and will establish temporary quarters on a throne beneath the large tree in the Town Hall park. There he will grant last-minute interviews and present each youngster with a bag of candy.

After his interviews, he will return briefly to the North Pole and prepare for a later visit on December 25.

Santa's visit to Farmington this year is being arranged by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Harold Aldrich is JayCee Christmas activities chairman.

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