

# Around The Block

SEND THEM HAPPINESS... For the holiday season. That may seem a long way off to you, but very soon now you'll have to be packing up the boxes you'll want them to have for Christmas, so you'd better be at your shopping right now. The papers and maga-



zines are currently featuring lists of gift suggestions, and you may get further ideas from visiting the military departments of larger department stores, but get busy! Don't wait until the last minute, and then have to disappoint them because you just couldn't find any thing.

THESE COOL DAYS... after the blistering hot days we've had, give one an unusual amount of ambition. Seems as though everyone has gotten right at it, and done all those little tasks that was so easy to put off during the hot weather.

NEW SIDEWALKS... are making their appearance in Farmington. The sidewalk repair program is really under way now, and there are new sidewalks in several sections of town. Bet the roller skating youngsters will be happy for they've had a pretty rough time of it.

HAVE YOU HEARD... all the rumors about the American Legion Gala Days celebration? We understand that it's going to be extra super this year. They



promise fun for anyone, no matter what your idea of fun is, and regardless of age, so you'd better make it a point to go down there.

THE CITY HALL FORCE... is a bit handicapped this week with the police chief suffering with some strained muscles in his back. We understand another City official had a bit of an experience with a runaway horse Tuesday evening, too. Watch your step, Mr. Moore, or you'll be next.

BOTSFORD INN... is going to be more beautiful than ever, after the paint-up and fix-up program that is now under way. The inn will be ready to open early in September. As one reflects upon the grounds and buildings at Botsford, it is immediately apparent how much it adds to the community. We could all well take an example and model our homes and business establishments after it. It adds so much to any community if it looks well kept.

THE BUGLER... is getting all ready to sound the bugle that will start the American Legion Gala Day parade next Monday, and all you horse owners



want to take part, so get your entry listed now with Joe DeVriendt at the City Hall. It's going to be a swell parade, and everyone will either be in it, or out to see it.

## Charles N. Andrews Passes Away

Mr. Charles N. Andrews, who lived with his daughter, Miss Leah Andrews, at 33209 Shawwasee, passed away about 9:30 Thursday morning. Mr. Andrews was Farmington's oldest resident, having passed his 101st birthday, and has lived in this community the greater part of his lifetime. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. from the residence.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Buttermore were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Staehnauf of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

# The Farmington Enterprise

### LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

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## Students May Arrange Schedules

### School Office Is Now Open

Farmington high school students can now complete preliminary arrangements for their enrollment this fall in the principal's office. Mr. Bates will be particularly glad to talk with the parents of pupils who are enrolling for the first time.

It is extremely important for boys and girls to get a good start in high school and plan wisely and thoroughly their high school career. A fair percentage of high school graduates of today have in mind some training beyond high school, either in college, business school, or in an industry, and it is particularly important that a good preparation be made for that training. To be recommended for college, it is not only necessary to take the prescribed work, but to maintain at least a "B" average throughout high school.

It should be noted by parents with small children that a new compulsory school law is intended to affect which lowers the compulsory age from seven to six years of age and makes it mandatory for boys and girls to attend school until sixteen years of age, providing their district maintains a school or arranges for transportation and tuition to a high school.

Kindergarten children should be enrolled the week preceding September 11th in the elementary school principal's office. All other elementary pupils will register at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12. The school bus will follow its regular route and time on Tuesday, September 12, and school will be in session for half-day youngsters being sent home at noon.

The school cafeteria will start operation on Wednesday, September 13th. A pre-sale of new elementary school books will be held on September 8 and 9 in the elementary building.

## PHYLIS KEFGEN ENGAGED TO LT. W. B. PINK

At a family dinner given at Casa City, Michigan, the engagement of Miss Phyllis Kefgen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kefgen of North Kefgen Road, Casa City, was announced to Edward W. Pink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Pink of Independence Road, Clarenceville.

Miss Kefgen and Lt. Pink attended Alma College, both graduating in June, 1943. Miss Kefgen has been teaching music in Perry High School this past year. Lt. Pink received his commission in the Army Air Corps in April of this year, and is now located at Syracuse, New York, awaiting overseas assignment.

## THOMAS CHAREST WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Staff Sergeant Thomas P. Charest, 24, of 28320 W. Seven Mile Road, is reported wounded in action in France on July 11. In a letter to his parents, Tom revealed his wounds are in the knees, arm and shoulder. He is now in a hospital somewhere in England.

His brother, Edward, received a medical discharge from service a few months ago, and another brother, Walter, 21, has just been promoted to a Corporal in the Field Artillery having taken part in the D-Day invasion of France. This was revealed in a letter to his wife, the former Helen Butler of 17071 Joy Road, Herman Gardens, Detroit.

## St. Clair Girl Engaged To Richard Blue

Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Miss Eileen Mariatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mariatt of Lake St. Clair, and Richard Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Blue of Ten Mile Road, Farmington.

Mr. Eick Roamer of Kalamazoo was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson.

## WEDS ARMY MAN



MRS. ROBERT A. JEFFREY

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Beckwith of 33121 Grand River Avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lorene, to Lieutenant Robert A. Jeffrey of Wellsville, Ohio. The marriage took place at the Hyde Park Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida, on April 23, 1944.

The bride wore a suit of powder blue, with navy accessories, and a corsage of white orchids. Lieutenant Jeffrey is a fighter pilot and is now stationed at Dale Moory Field in Tallahassee, Florida, where Mrs. Jeffrey expects to soon join him.

## Special School Election Called

A special meeting of the qualified electors of School District Six of the Township of Farmington has been called for Monday, August 28, at 12:30 p.m. Two propositions will be submitted for the approval of voters in the district.

The first proposition asks for approval to borrow \$40,000, of which amount as many as \$15,000 has been called for Monday, August 28, at 12:30 p.m. Two propositions will be submitted for the approval of voters in the district.

The second proposition asks for an increase in tax levy to 2 1/2 percent of the assessed valuation, for a period of five years, 1945 to 1949 inclusive. The school board deems it necessary to have an addition to the school this year in order to care for pupils of the district, and has estimated the expense of erecting and furnishing such an addition at approximately \$40,000.

All electors of the district are asked to give their attention to this election. Polling will take place at the William Grace School, and votes may be cast any time between 1:00 and 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

## NEW MANAGER NAMED TO SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

Appointment of William J. McCauley as manager of the Pontiac field office of the Social Security Board was announced by Miss Mary E. Woods, regional director of the Federal agency for Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. Miss Woods, whose headquarters are in Cleveland, said the appointment followed the Social Security Board policy of promoting outstanding members of its organization as opportunities arise.

The new manager is a graduate of the City College of Law and Finance in St. Louis. His early experience was with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company. The following year he joined the Social Security Board as one of its earliest appointees and served with the Board's Bureau of Accounts and Audit. Since April, 1940, Mr. McCauley has been with the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, at Hamilton in Columbus, Canton and Hamilton, Ohio, and since last spring has been manager of the field office at Covington, Kentucky. The appointment, like all others in the field service of the Social Security Board, was made under the Federal Government's competitive civil service system.

## List Entries For Horse Show

As plans are now shaping up for the American Legion Gala Days, to be held for four days, Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4, the affair this year promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

The horse show last year proved to be one of the most popular attractions of the program. This year the horse show has been enlarged, and there will be feature acts with professional horses. The show itself, however, will be completely amateur as it was last year, and there will be ten events.

The parade will form at the high school at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day, and will proceed to the grounds at the corner of Maple and Grand River avenues. The events will be run off after the parade reaches the grounds. The band will lead the parade, and the pet and doll parade for the children, as well as the entrants in the horse show, will form as a part of the parade.

All owners of horses in this community are urged to participate, and they must register their entries, indicating what events they wish to take part in, with Joseph DeVriendt at the City Hall.

The midway will offer many new features this year, and there will be amusements for old and young. There will be rides on the grounds and refreshments.

The American Legion Gala Days are looked forward to each year by residents of this community as one of the outstanding features of the year. Remember the location, Grand River and Maple Avenue, and the dates, September 1 through September 4.

## MORE HAYSEED NEEDED TO AVOID SHORTAGE

Farmers are urged to harvest all the hayseed they can this year. A serious shortage of legume and grass seeds has developed. William B. Cook, Oakland County AAA Chairman said this week that Congress has appropriated 12 1/2 million dollars to encourage the harvesting of hayseeds. Farmers can earn 3 1/2 cents a pound for red clover and 2 1/2 cents a pound for alfalfa and like seed they harvest this year. This is in addition to the regular AAA soil conservation payments of \$5.00 an acre for harvesting approved seeds. There are no limitations on the number of acres for which payments can be made.

Grasses and legumes are vital in livestock production. They are especially important now because of increased wartime demands for meat. The seed harvested this year will also determine to a great extent how many acres of over-worked land can be planted to soil conserving crops.

Mr. Cook pointed out that even if farmers in this area harvested only enough hayseed for their own needs, they would help out a critical situation. The amount of seeds they normally buy would then be available to farmers not in a position to raise their own seeds.

Mr. Cook added that in addition to the increased demand for hayseed in this country, the United States will also have to supply large amounts of grass and legume seeds to liberated nations so that the farmers in these areas can reestablish their forage crops. This will be necessary before they can make the livestock that did before the Nazis overran their countries.

## White Shrine Will Serve Dinner

The White Shrine of Jerusalem will serve a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Saturday, September 2. Amelia C. Cook, Supreme Worthy High Priestess, will be guest of honor.

Those who plan to attend are asked to please make reservations with Emma Bunn, Evergreen 2712, or Edith Sonnenberg, at Farmington 1385. The ceremonial will take place at 8:00 p.m.

## RETURNS HOME



PVT. GLEN L. MYERS

Private Glen L. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Myers of 8305 Norfolk, is at home on a 23 day furlough, having returned to this country on August 11, after serving for nine months with the Infantry in North Africa and Italy. At the end of his furlough he will report to Miami Beach, Florida, for special assignment.

While in Africa Private Myers met a former schoolmate who attended Clarenceville Schools, and was a football player on the school team. He also met Pfc. W. J. Homes, in Africa.

A brother, Kenneth Myers, is serving in the Navy and is now somewhere in the Pacific area.

## R. L. LEWIS ASSUMES DISTRICT 4-H LEADERSHIP

Mr. R. L. Lewis has assumed appointment as District 4-H Club Leader for Oakland and Macomb Counties and began work on August 1st.

Mr. Lewis's appointment was made by the State Board of Agricultural Affairs and Development, under George Williams, College in Chicago. He taught Vocational Agriculture from 1934 to 1939 and was Y.M.C.A. Secretary from 1941 to 1943. During the past year he has been the County Supervisor for the Farm County Association.

Mr. Lewis has a background of 4-H Club work since he was a member of a 4-H Club for two years, a leader for five years, and was first Vice-President of the State 4-H Club Executive Committee in Mississippi for two years. Mr. Lewis has first introduced 4-H Club Leaders in Oakland County was the 4-H Exposition which was held in the 4-H Club Farm, two miles north of Pontiac on M124 on August 17 and 18.

## COUNTY AGENT TELLS WHEN TO SOW WHEAT

Oakland County farmers planning to sow wheat this year are advised by County Agricultural Agent Karl D. Bailey to sow after September 15 to avoid damage from Hessian flies.

This date, which varies throughout the state, is based on the observations of entomologists that in each locality after a certain date each year, there is still time before winter to establish a stand of wheat but not time for the adult Hessian flies to lay eggs between the leaves of wheat plants. These dates are based on latitude, altitude, and nearness to the Great Lakes.

Hessian fly does its damage to young wheat stands while in the larvae or maggot stage. The larvae obtain food by scraping the plant tissue, thus weakening the plant and interfering with the supply of nutrients to the head of the plant. Injured plants lodge and show withered heads. In severe infestations, complete loss of the crop may result either from the fall or from spring attack.

## Walled Lake School Board Builds Addition To System

### GIRL SCOUTS NEED USE HANDBOOKS

An appeal was made this week by Mrs. Oma Fisher, 21902 Aphion, in behalf of the Girl Scouts of Troop Six, Noble School. The Scouts are badly in need of Girl Scout handbooks, and would very much like to buy used handbooks from those who no longer wish to use them.

Anyone who has a Girl Scout handbook that she will sell, is asked to call Mrs. Fisher at Farmington 1558-J. There are 14 girls in the Troop, and several handbooks are needed.

### PRISONER OF WAR GIFT BOXES ARE AVAILABLE

Oakland County next-of-kin of American Prisoners of War will only need advice from Oakland County Red Cross chapter in selecting gifts, but they may even get the carton in which to ship gifts to Americans in German hands. These gift boxes must be sent now if they are to arrive in time to be shipped to Europe in Red Cross vessels, then transhipped to Geneva, Switzerland for distribution to prison camps by International Red Cross Committee delegates.

Mr. H. M. Knox, chairman of the Oakland County Red Cross Prisoner of War Committee, announced today that heavy cardboard cartons especially designed for prisoner's gift packages are now available free of charge at the Red Cross Home Service Office, 414 Peoples State Building, Pontiac. This service is offered to speed delivery of parcels to Americans in enemy hands and to insure against damage from improper packing. In the past, many boxes had to be completely repacked at the New York office of censorship and the standard carton now being distributed by the Red Cross will avoid delays and duplication of effort.

Cartons are available to anyone having an official gift label from the Provost Marshall which is necessary for every gift parcel. The free container is approved by postal authorities and is of the correct size. There is still no means of sending gift boxes to prisoners in the Far East.

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 6

The Christian day school of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebelt at Eighth Mile-Rd., will have its formal opening on Wednesday, September 6th, according to present plans.

## TRENNA M. BANKS MARRIES HAROLD QUINN

The many friends of Mrs. Trenea M. Banks were interested to learn of her marriage Thursday, August 10, to Fremant 2/c Harold Quinn. The wedding took place in Detroit, with a reception immediately afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt in Farmington. The couple then went to Port Huron, where a dinner was given in their honor at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn then flew to Norfolk, Virginia, where Mrs. Quinn will reside until her husband's ship leaves for Europe.

## KIWANIANS ATTEND INTER-CLUB MEETING

Farmington Kiwanians were the guests at a meeting of the new St. Paul's Kiwanis Club, Wednesday evening, Detroit Northwest Club was also represented. Joseph Himmelspach of the Farmington Club, who is Inter-Club chairman, was in charge of the program, and the speaker of the evening was Nelson Hansen, Past Governor of the Michigan District, from Pontiac. His talk was on "The Third Front" and he spoke of the important role that must be played in our post-war world, by such organizations as the Kiwanis Club. He pointed out the facts which make it so very important to win the peace, as well as the war.

## Last Seven Years Show Remarkable Improvements

For the sixth time since September, 1937, the Walled Lake Board of Education is building an addition to its school plants in order to meet the growth of the school district.

The present construction project is a two-room addition to the Union Lake School Building. This building was originally built in District No. Five Fractional in 1928, with two grade rooms and a nice community room and a few years later was made into a four-room building. The enlargement of this building is of permanent benefit inasmuch as the original architectural features carried out. New lavatories and improvement of the heating plant with temperature controls are included in the present work. The total expense of this improvement is \$17,722.00. A great amount of money is being put into the practice of the Walled Lake Board of Education in securing permanent, modern school rooms at a very reasonable price. The four successful bidders on this work were General Contracting and Plumbing, Detroit, at a cost of \$14,000.00; plumbing and heating, W. Wilbur White, Detroit, at \$1,495.00; electrical, Reed Tyler Electric Company, Lansing, at \$451.00 and temperature control, Leo A. Tilford Company, \$486.55.

With the completion of this work this fall, which is being done on a cash basis, the school district will have completed in the last seven years over \$200,000 worth of much needed school facilities without any burden on the school district. In fact, the district service charges in the meantime for original buildings built by the sale of serial bonds, which are not callable, has been steadily reduced from over 3 mills to 1 1/2 mills for the coming year. The only bond issue in this quarter of a million dollars was a \$45,000 issue which was paid for in four years at an annual levy of 2 1/2 mills. The voters had voted a \$55,000 bond issue of 3 1/2 mills for 5 years, but with careful administration, the Board of Education has been able to reduce the taxpayers a third of the voted millage. \$112,000 was received by the district in Federal grants because of the school serving the families of several thousand war workers.

The things to be appreciated in this expansion are the facts that all of this construction is of permanent nature and that it is instead of debt piling up, debt service costs are decreasing rapidly. As is sometimes done, the school board has not sacrificed in its salary schedule or equipment. The salary schedule of the school has been maintained at a far better figure than the average school and the equipment had been maintained very adequately. A \$200.00 bonus for the present school year has just been voted to each full-time employee.

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