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IT MAY BE EARLY... for spring fever, but I'm sure we're not alone when we state that we have already experienced definite twinges of the disease, if such it may be called. The kids are in for a bit of funk, however, for all next week they will be free to do



as they choose for it's spring vacation. Pay no attention to that twinge of grief you may notice in their elders—it's merely a touch of that old green-eyed monster.

THE CAMPBELLS... are due to arrive in town Friday night—in other words the Seniors will stage the annual presentation of the Senior play. The time is 8:30, so don't be late! From advance reports it seems you'll not go wrong, if in search of an evening's good entertainment, "The Campbells Are Coming" is just that.

MANY, MANY THANKS... to all the good people of this community who have so generously in the American Red Cross Drive. There are only a few days left, so if you've delayed making your contribution, please get it in right away, won't you?

ALMOST IN A SECOND... the buds seemed to come forth on the trees. It seems so good to see patches of green on the landscape again, and already father is making sure the lawnmower is all ready for use. Once spring starts to come, whether it is officially here or not, it takes no time at all for the trees and shrubs to send out new shoots. The "cut-up" boys are well aware that spring is here, for they are quite a distance out of the ground.

CONFUSION... reigns in regard to the time. Incidentally, you voters will want to remember that the polls will open and close in the April 2 election, according to legal time, which is slow time. In other words, the polls will run on Central War Time, regardless of what time you're running on, personally. It must be a picnic in a city like Pontiac where the clock on one side of the street is an hour slower than the clock on the other side of the street—and they're both right. This is never get dull, anyway, and surely that is some consolation.

WATER... is great for ducks—and after a day like Tuesday when it rained so consistently we found ourselves feeling like ducks. Those



are the rats that will make things grow, though, and so far everyone seems to remember that for wonder of all wonders, there seemed to be no griping about the weather.

THE GALLS... of our fair city are letting people know that Farmington is on the map. Not only have seven of the ladies now got pictures on exhibit, but two of our women won prizes at the flower show. Congratulations to Mrs. Durgan and Mrs. Joy. Several local women have also been assisting as hostesses at the Flower Show this week. It is being held at J. L. Hudson Company, you know, so if you happen to be in town, don't forget to visit the Flower Show.

Local Macabages Sponsor Rummage Sale... The Golden Circle, Tent #176, 1025, will hold a rummage and be held at the Macabage Hall in Clarencville on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24. It will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Preston W. Forts are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Red Cross Drive Ends This Week

Local Contributions Reach \$10,000

Farmington has now contributed approximately \$10,000 to its quota of \$12,000, according to reports from Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, local chairman. As more and more Red Crosses appear in the windows all over the city and township, and as more and more active workers are seen on the streets of the city and out on township roads, one knows that the volunteer workers are putting forth real effort to achieve the quota, and that residents have swung into the spirit of the drive and are backing the Red Cross wholeheartedly.

In addition to the house-to-house canvass, and the booth which has been maintained during business hours at Farmington State Bank, this week a collection has been taken nightly at the streets of the city and the porters of the drive has been most generous.

In addition to the list of workers published in a previous issue of The Enterprise, Mrs. Olive Ducharme is also taking contributions.

Anyone who has not been visited for a contribution, but wishes to make one, is asked to please get in touch with Mrs. DeVriendt immediately and she will see that someone calls for the donation. You must do so at once, however, for all contributions will have to be in at the end of the week, as final returns will be made to the Oakland County Chapter at this time.

Farmington has indicated that they very much wish to keep the Red Cross "at his side." Those who give the drive the final push, it needs to put over the top, will have the \$12,000 quota assured.

SEVEN PICTURES BY LOCAL WOMEN ARE EXHIBITED

Farmington is well represented in the first extended exhibit of the Palette and Brush Club, now being held in the J. L. Hudson Company's Fine Art Department. From a group of 29 paintings, seven were selected for the exhibit, and of this number, seven have been painted by Farmington women, a fact of which the entire community is justifiably proud.

The pictures in the exhibit are "Pastoral Peace" by Lillian Durgan; "The Love Rapture" by Josephine Stearns; "The Country Road" by Annie Gleason; "February in the Valley" by Eleanor Spicer; "The Barnyard" by Jennie Zeboritzki; "Mother's Day Roses" by Cecelia Murray; and "Garden Petunias" by Beatrice Ritter.

The pictures will be on display, and may be purchased, through March 31. You are invited to the Fine Arts Gallery to see them.

CANNING SUGAR TO BE ISSUED AFTER APRIL 1

Home canning sugar will be issued beginning April 1, 1945. The program will close October 31, 1945. Sugar may be applied for and issued any time during this period. Applications may be made to the Board in person or by mail on Form R-341, by one adult member of a family unit, for all members of the family.

Forms must be completely filled out and a spare 13 stamp from War Ration Book Four by each member of the family covered by the application, must accompany the request.

It is essential that all questions on the applications be completely answered and that the spare 13 stamps be attached to each application. Application blanks will be available after April 1, 1945, at Delos Hamlin's Grocery, and at Conroy's Market.

Cemetery Association Meets For Pot-Luck

The East Farmington Cemetery Association will meet at the home of Mary E. Helker, 3010 1/2 Twelve Mile Road on Saturday, March 24. A pot luck supper will be served at six o'clock.

CANDIDATE



ALFRED G. JONES

Candidate for city commissioner in the biennial election, to be held in Farmington on April 2, is Alfred Graham Jones, of 22933 Power Road. A resident of Farmington for the past four and a half years, Mr. Jones seeks the post of commissioner at the suggestion of many friends who feel that the city government needs some "new blood," and young ideas.

"Like almost all communities in the country today," Mr. Jones stated, "Farmington is faced with several important problems which must be dealt with now. Planning for post-war growth is one problem. Planning for present-day needs of our youth is another. Modernizing and beautifying our city is a third. If permitted to continue as commissioner, I shall strive for prompt, effective action on these problems."

As lay leader of the First Methodist Church and superintendent of the Church School, Mr. Jones is actively engaged in our community life. The young people of Farmington know him for his work with the Methodist Youth Fellowship, of which he is, with Rev. A. Stanley Stone, co-advisor.

Blood Donors May Register Now

Registrations are now being taken for the Red Cross Blood Bank, to be in Farmington on May 8. Donors are requested to register early. Warner Dairy Office is headquarters for registration.

Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Bake Sale

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold a bake sale at Hamlin's Market on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Women Spread Joy Among Our Wounded Soldiers

For many years a very dear friend of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Henault, 35339 Nine Mile Road, a Mr. A. Palmer, traveled extensively over the world. On his returns, he always entertained with fascinating tales, for he was a real story teller. His last trip was to Honolulu in 1940, to visit his daughter who has been a resident there for many years. His story telling continued but his audience changed, for after Pearl Harbor he spent his time at the hospitals and the homes of the wounded.

The Henaults heard what he was doing and sent a box of candy to him for the boys as a little treat. The enthusiasm for one box of candy was so great that they decided they could do better than that, and accordingly Mrs. Henault invited a group of bring gifts to be sent in Christmas boxes. These packages were received with such pleasure on the part of the wounded boys in Hawaii that the seed for future boxes was sown. Since then boxes have been sent every month.

The ladies responsible for this activity are Mrs. Walter Hickey, Mrs. Richard Lancaster, Mrs. Ray Eichler and Mrs. Henault, of Farmington, and Mrs. Robert Pearson of Dearborn. The last boxes to be sent were fifty games which the boys will receive for Easter. These boxes were packed on March 8, at Mrs. Lancaster's home. In 1944 Mr. Palmer passed away in Honolulu at the age of 84. His

Clarencville Is Accredited

The Clarencville Board of Education received the following letter from the University Committee on Relations with Secondary Schools whereby they are accredited from September, 1944 until June 30, 1946. Up to this time students from Clarencville were able to attend colleges and universities without taking entrance examinations, due to a special arrangement with the accredited committee and the Board of Education.

The Board feels honored in the fact that the School is accredited for a two year period instead of the usual one year. It is evident that the Board is pursuing a better course of study, better equipment and other facilities than the ordinary school. The people in the school district may well be proud that the Board of Education takes a stand such as this.

The letter telling of the approval, was addressed to M. J. Belser, superintendent of schools and read as follows:

"At the recent meeting of the University Committee on Relations with Secondary Schools, care given to the Clarencville High School. The question was also discussed with members of the State Department of Public Instruction. The Committee felt that the Clarencville School has reached the status of efficiency which is necessary for University recognition. The Secretary was asked to inform you that the school was placed on the accredited list effective from September, 1944, to June 30, 1946. A certificate of accreditation will be mailed to you some time this spring. Congratulations to you and your co-workers."

Since your, George E. Carrothers, Secretary, University Committee on Relations with Secondary Schools.

KIWANIANS ARE GUESTS OF REDFORD CLUB

Farmington Kiwanians were invited to be guests of the newly organized Redford Kiwanis Club on Tuesday evening, and a good representation of the local club attended.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Walter Gleason, social studies professor at Wayne University, and head of the speakers' bureau of the Detroit Board of Education. Mr. Gleason spoke on "Dumbarion Oaks."

Several new members were received into membership of the Redford Club at this meeting.

Mrs. Roy Parker and daughter, Diana, from Fort Knox, Ky., are the guests of her mother.

FLIGHT OFFICER



JOHN W. BROOKS

Among those who won silver wings recently at the Big Spring Bombardier School at Big Spring, Texas, was John W. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks, 29200 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. Before entering the service he was employed in the Precision Tool and Manufacturing Company. John was commissioned a Flight Officer in the Army Air Forces, graduating with Class 45-33 at Big Spring. Already a skilled gunner before going to Big Spring, he has been thoroughly schooled in the use of the famous Norden bomb-sight and has mastered the art of precision bombing as well as the principles of dead reckoning and pilotage navigation.

He will now become a member of a combat crew as bombardier, known as the "hell from heaven" man.

GUY DURGAN TELLS OF FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Guy Durgan was speaker at the meeting of Farmington Parent Teachers Association Tuesday evening. His topic concerned the past, present and future of education.

Mr. Durgan emphasized the need for sound elementary training, for here is laid the foundation of all education. Qualified elementary teachers are scarce today, and it will be even more difficult to secure their services in the future. By use of statistics, Mr. Durgan pointed out that only sixty per cent of the normal number of elementary teachers are now in training. Increased birth rates in the age of 15 groups in the next five years, thus increasing the demand for teachers.

The quality of the teaching staff must be kept high, for a system is only as good as its staff, no matter what kind of buildings it may have. In the future we need more well prepared teachers, furnishing a curriculum for all the children of all the people. It is possible a 13th and 14th grade may be added, with all pupils attending school to the age of 18 years. Parents and teachers must cooperate to know more about the needs and ways of children, to insure a more harmonious development and less delinquency. We need people who have courage and vision to present the conditions and needs of schools and education to the people. Democracy is expressed through progress in education, and that progress must and shall be made.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES ARE PLANNED

Clarencville Methodist Sunday School hopes to reach its goal of 300 on Sunday. A special program has been arranged, and everyone attending will receive a souvenir. Sunday school convenes at ten o'clock. Morning worship at 11:15 a.m. will have special music by the choir. A Cross Centred Service will sing, and the pastor, Miss Elsie Johns, will bring the message. The Youth Fellowship which includes all youth from 12 to 23, meets at 8:30 p.m. The evening service at 7:30 will be a Cross Centred Service. All the hymns used in the song service will be hymns of the cross. The pastor's theme will be "The Company Around the Cross." A beautiful new Cross will be used for the first time in this service. The public is cordially invited.

Township Board Approves Plats Of Two Subdivisions

Dairy Feed Payments To Be Made Quarterly

Dairy Feed Payments are now being made on a quarterly basis. Therefore, the next payment will be made sometime after April 15. Walter R. Cook, chairman of the Oakland County Triple-A Committee announced today that all farmers who have been receiving payments, and new producers should apply to the Oakland County Triple-A Committee, 318 Hubbard Building, Pontiac, Michigan, for applications.

Mayor Proclaims "Garden Week"

The following proclamation was issued this week by Delos Hamlin, Mayor of the City of Farmington. The proclamation reads:

"Whereas, the week of March 19 has been designated as Victory Garden week in Michigan, and Whereas, the stringent national food situation makes it more imperative than ever before that every family have a Victory Garden so that they will not lack for the right kinds of foods and health will be maintained, and Whereas, Michigan has set a goal of more than one million Victory Gardens in 1945, Now therefore I, Delos Hamlin, Mayor of the City of Farmington, hereby call upon all of our citizens to take part in the observance of Victory Garden week by planning now to have a Victory Garden, growing sufficient foods in these gardens so that there will be not only fresh produce for the table, but a sufficient quantity to preserve and store for winter use, and by providing our own foods help to achieve Michigan's goal and do our full share in the war effort."

Delos Hamlin, Mayor. Mrs. Warren Joy is Victory Garden chairman for this community, and will be glad to help you with any problems you may have, concerning your garden, or tell you where you may obtain information you might need.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS OF INTEREST

One proposal that will come before voters of Michigan in the April 2 election will decide whether school districts will be permitted to construct new school buildings or additions to present buildings and pay for these capital improvements over a longer period of time, instead of a very short period of time.

At present, such construction must be paid for within five years, and if the new proposal passes, districts will have fifteen years in which to complete payment. Most school districts are unable to pay for buildings under the present limitation.

Many voters are not acquainted with provisions to come before them on April 2, for approval, and therefore an uninformed electorate is asked to decide what shall be done. It is with this in mind that we draw your attention to this proposed amendment.

A two-thirds favorable vote of the electorate is required to increase the millage for capital improvements. Proposal One on the April ballot if passed would change this requirement to a vote of a majority of the taxpayers. This is the same requirement as now provided in the Constitution for voting bond issues.

If Proposed Amendment One passes the following votes would be necessary after the effective date of the amendment:

- 1. To increase the millage to pay for school operation (two-thirds of the electorate (as at present)).
2. To increase the millage to pay for capital improvements — a majority of the taxpayers (now two-thirds of electorate).
3. To float a bond issue — a majority of the taxpayers (as at present).

Mrs. J. D. Parker and Mrs. David Edwards and son, Peter, were Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Parker and family of Whitmore Lake.

Will Proceed With Plans For Library

Members of Farmington Township Board held a regular meeting Tuesday evening at the township office in Farmington Town Hall.

George W. Smith and Mr. McAlpine presented a Supervisors' Plat of Quaker Valley Farms, for approval of the board. The requested approval being granted.

Two Farmington residents presented a request for water service, on Roosevelt Street. The cost of such connections will be determined, and presented to the petitioners to determine if they wish to proceed.

Upon motion of Mrs. Elsie McCullough, Justice of the Peace, the board voted to proceed with plans for a City and Township Library, the cost of preparing plans for the Michigan Planning Commission to be shared by the two local government agencies on an equalized valuation basis. The state will pay \$900 of this amount, and the balance of \$900 will be paid by the City and Township. M. R. Burrows, architect, will proceed to complete plans according to the requirements of the MPC, and file them before the deadline of May 6.

A second plat was presented to the board. This plat was for Farmington Gardens Sub, the property lying between Nine Mile and Shiawassee, and was submitted by H. Wines, vendor. Inasmuch as there were some items not filed in regards to the plat, approval was withheld until Wednesday morning, at which time the board voted to accept the plat.

Representatives of the Farmington Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars were present, asking for a return of some items not filed in regards to the plat, approval was withheld until Wednesday morning, at which time the board voted to accept the plat.

M. J. Belser and H. W. Earle presented a proposition to the Board in regards to establishment of a recreation center in the Clarencville area. The government will provide a building to be used as a center, providing a sponsor will assume responsibility for operation. A new grant will be made in July, and Mr. Belser requested the Board to take some action on the proposition before that time. He also presented the suggestion that lights be placed in front of school buildings in an effort to curtail property destruction during evening hours.

The Board voted to provide their share of the expense in maintaining a Veterans' Council in the Farmington area, including Farmington Township and City, Novi Township and Southfield Township. The share of each unit is determined on a population basis.

Election boards for the April 2 election will be filed in the Clarencville area. Those serving in Precinct One are: Ward Eagle, Lettie McIntrye, Lettie Gaud, Jennie Lapham and Jay Burton, and in Precinct Two are: Harry Shafer, Frances Billing, Louise Brown, Isabelle Menck and Ora Joy. Election polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Central War Time, which is slow time.

CHARLES WALLING FOUND DEAD EARLY THURSDAY

The body of Charles Walling was found early Thursday morning at the West side of the Burnett residence, 3398 Grand River Avenue, where he had his home. Mr. Walling had killed himself by firing a shot gun at his head. Dependancy and ill health are blamed.

No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

Lapham Gas Station Is Broken Into

The John Lapham gas station at the corner of Power and Grand River was broken into Monday night. The burglar removed a window on the East side of the station to gain entrance. A quantity of gum and candy, and small items, were taken.