



HIGH WIND AND HIGH WATER... hit Farmington the first part of the week to add another chapter to the dreary weather we are enjoying...

IF YOU HAVE A TOY... or two around the house that is no longer the center of interest, why not give it to a child in Europe...

SUPERSTITIOUS... to meet with whole new, you had better stay pretty close to bed on Friday, because it is the 13th...

ONCE AGAIN... it's time to listen to the latest revelation in the way of what to do for a cold. We've been rather disappointed so far this winter because haven't heard anything different in the way of cold cures...

EVEN THOUGH... this year to start with, it's hard to realize that it's half a month gone. Pretty soon January will be finished...

MUCH OF THE WATER... that appeared in the township in the last few weeks has decided to stay. This year, the spring rains didn't wait for winter to pass before inundating many of our roads and flooding what were ditches...

OUR SIZEABLE SUBURB... to the immediate east has just won itself a prize - that of being the quietest corner in the state. Considering the tranquility of this muffled metropolis, we wonder why so many folks choose to move into the area of cacophonous suburbs...

A DREAM COME TRUE... for a lot of people in the Clarenceville area, was the first home basketball game held in the new gymnasium Tuesday night. Although the gym has been in use for some time this sort of represents a first...

Plan New Adult Education Class

A new adult physical education class for women is expected to be started soon at the Farmington High School. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of Schools, announced the class was requested by a group of 18 women in the Bond School district...

CLARENCEVILLE TO BE SCENE OF CAGE DISTRICT TOURNEY

Clarenceville High School has been selected as the location for the Michigan High School Athletic Association District 26 Class C Basketball Tournament. It was announced last week by Max Miller, high school principal. The tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, March 2, 3 and 4 in the new Clarenceville gymnasium...

Noble P.T.A. Gives \$400 To Libraries, United Fund

Voting unanimously, members of the Noble P. T. A. decided at their meeting Monday, January 9, to donate \$400 to the United Fund and \$200 to local libraries. The \$400 is being divided into two \$200 checks...

Two Injured In Week's Auto Smash-Ups

Motorcycle Rider Seriously Hurt

Two people were injured, one seriously, in recent traffic accidents in the Farmington area. A prospective bridegroom received severe injuries Monday night in Farmington city, and a Cut-Off accident sent a woman to the hospital last Thursday night.

In Monday evening's accident, Robert E. Harris, 19, received serious injuries when his motorcycle collided with a schoolbus driven by Glen C. Silvernail, 22, of 21325 Cambridge.

Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Harris, 2010 E. Rensselaer. Harris's engagement to Miss Virginia Lint, of 21524 Roosevelt Street, was announced last week. The couple was planning an early spring wedding.

On the "critical" list at Redford Receiving Hospital, Harris is suffering from compound fractures of the jaw, multiple fractures of the left leg, a broken hand, and deep lacerations about the face and neck.

The school janitor and busdriver at Clarenceville School, was not injured. A passenger, Jack Cowart, 15, of 20227 Angling Road, also escaped injury.

According to Farmington Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt, Harris was riding his motorcycle east on Grand River, and Silvernail, driving the school bus west on Grand River, turned at Power Road, crossing in front of the motorcycle.

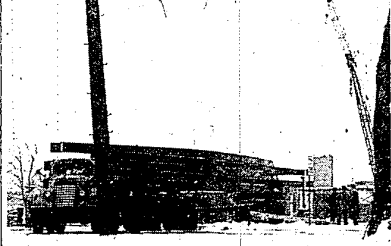
Silvernail stated there were no lights on the motorcycle. Harris claims all the lights were on. The Chief added that further investigation of the accident is being made. Sophie Ivanovich, 46, of Van Dyke, Michigan, was injured at 8:40 p.m. January 5 when the car she was driving collided with one driven by Joseph A. Rafferty, 51, of Detroit. She suffered contusions of the right hip.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Drake Road and the U. S. 16 Cut-Off. Mrs. Ivanovich was entering the Cut-Off from a private drive as Rafferty broke over the top of the hill. According to Township Police Officer William Edger, Rafferty applied his brakes, but hit the right side of the Ivanovich car.

At the time of the accident, the Ivanovich car was at a 45 degree angle to the roadway and moving slowly, Edger stated. It was pushed off the road about 40 feet into a field. Rafferty and a hitchhiker passenger, Robert VanHosen of Lansing, were not injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis White and daughters of Wuberville spent Saturday with Mrs. White's parents, the Arthur Lambs on Oakland Road.

Grand River Blocked By One Truck



Grand River was blocked completely for a brief period Thursday when this giant truckload of steel was unloaded at the new Chevrolet agency east of the Farmington business section. The steel, more than 120 feet long, will be used in construction of the building's roof. The driver of the elongated trailer had to back it through a narrow opening in the front wall of the building.

Farmington Swamps Holly 64-17 To Take Ninth Straight Victory

The Farmington Falcons cagers kept their 1949-50 slate clean by defeating Holly High School last Friday evening 64 to 17 at Holly to rack up their ninth straight win of the season.

Farmington wasted no time in getting the lead and had no trouble keeping it throughout the game. The Falcons moved fast in the first period, piling up a comfortable lead. They racked up 19 points while holding Holly to 5 points.

The Falcon defense was tight and their shots deadly. The Falcon drive continued through the second period. Farmington was able to nearly double their score while Holly was able to get only 2 points during the period. The Falcons held a comfortable 36 to 7 score at halftime.

Coach Bob Hutton brought in his reserves in the third period but Holly was unable to gain on the Farmington margin. In fact, the Falcons were able to score 20 points during the period, the highest scoring period, while Holly was getting four points. The third period saw Farmington out in front 55 to 11.

The game slowed up in the final period with Farmington getting only eight points but they still outscored Holly, who got six points. The final buzzer sounded with the score 64 to 17 in favor of the Falcons, forty-seven points out in front.

Dave Dimeyer, Falcon center, walked off with the high point honors, getting 25 points. Farmington's Reserves out did their varsity teammates by defeating Holly's Reserves 66 to 16. They led at halftime by the score of 29 to 8. High scorer for Farmington was Bob Hutton who scored 12 points.

The Falcons will meet Berkeley High School next Friday evening, January 13, at Berkeley. Farmington has already downed Berkeley, having defeated them in the Berkeley Invitational Tournament December 29. The Falcons now have a season record of nine wins and no losses.

City To Get Street Lighting Survey

Kenneth Loomis, police commissioner, announced this week that the City of Farmington has requested the Detroit Edison to make a survey of the street lighting in the city.

The request followed a discussion of the last City Commission meeting regarding lighting. During the meeting it was brought out that additional lights are needed on Power Avenue north of Grand River and also on Grand River at the Orchard Lake Intersection and Nine Mile Intersection.

Loomis requested that the State Highway Department make a survey of the Nine Mile Road intersection last summer. However, no survey has been made to date. Loomis stated. Efforts are being made to mark the Nine Mile intersection with Grand River. Numerous complaints have been registered regarding the inability of motorists to find the intersection easily. It was suggested that a survey might be installed and that illuminated signs be erected.

No definite proposals or action has been taken by the City Commission at the last City Commission meeting. According to Detroit Edison survey. According to Loomis, a master lighting plan for the entire city will be prepared, with suggestions and recommendations. The city can then select whatever immediate steps they wish to take dependent upon the budget allocations.

The master lighting plan is expected to be ready the early part of February and will be submitted to the City Commission at their regular February meeting.

Bond P.T.A. Hears County Health Commissioner

"Communicable diseases" will be the subject of Dr. John D. Monroe's address to the Bond P.T.A. meeting at Monday at the Bond school.

School Board Hears Report On Night Football Field

FARMINGTON P.T.A. TO SEE LEADER DOG PROGRAM

Blind Paul Knowles and his dog "Wolf" will present a program on behalf of the Leader Dog League of Detroit before the Farmington High School Auditorium. The program will consist, in part, of photographic slides. Following the business meeting program, the 5th and 6th grade room students will cooperate in serving lunch. These mothers will be, for the 5th grade: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Stambrook, Jr., and Mrs. Andrews, and for the 6th grade, Mrs. Maule and Mrs. Clifford.

On January 21, the fathers will play the male faculty members in basketball as an evening opener. This will be followed by a volleyball game starting the fifty faculty members and the P. T. A. mothers. The games will be held in the Farmington High School gym.

Board Plans Study Of Building Needs

A three-man committee has been named by the Clarenceville Board of Education to study the future building needs of the District. It was announced following the regular meeting of the Board held Monday evening.

Special emphasis will be placed on elementary classroom needs for the future. The study will concentrate on population trends in the District, student loads, present facilities in the District and age brackets of youngsters. At present the District has 1,200 students. Census figures indicate an increased number of youngsters of pre-school age in the District.

The following Board members were appointed on the three-man study committee: Hubert Earl Thomas Wilson and Robert Dennis. The committee will begin at once on their study and prepare a report to be presented at a later meeting.

A preliminary report was given by the committee named to plan a ceremony dedicating the new gymnasium-classroom addition. Final details in an effort to establish pending the securing of a speaker. The committee indicated, however, that the dedication program will be held the latter part of January or the first part of February if they can secure the speaker they have contacted. The committee was appointed by the Board several months ago and consists of Hubert Earl and Thomas Wilson.

The Board also discussed bus insurance and bus maintenance. A study has been conducted of maintenance of buses in other nearby districts in an effort to establish the most thorough and efficient bus maintenance program possible.

A sample of the water now flowing in the new high school water main has been taken and is now being analyzed by the Wayne County Board of Health. As soon as a favorable answer is received the water mains will be turned on to the high school system.

Attorney J. J. Schulte Retires After 25 Years Of Law Practice

After 25 years, attorney John J. Schulte, Jr., is vacating his office in the Clarenceville area. He is returning to school at the Farmington Municipal building. He retired January 1 from private law practice. From then until the expiration of his term as Justice of the Peace, he will be introduced by the council room of the City Hall.

The end of Schulte's term, July 4, 1951, will free the judge for the important activities of hunting and fishing.

His honor originally came to the village of Farmington in 1924, later returned to school at the Bond Building in Detroit at the request of John Thayer, then Justice of the Peace and director of the bank. Thayer was taken sick in 1923 and appointed Schulte Justice of the Peace to fill his term. In 1925, Schulte was elected to the office when the village became a city. He has held the post ever since.

Tentative Estimate Of \$25,000 Made For Proposed Night Ball Park

The Farmington School Board Monday night heard the first and incomplete report from the committee it appointed last month to investigate the feasibility of constructing a night football field for Farmington High School games.

Curt Hall, the committee's emcee, reported first and tentative estimates of the project's cost from 23 to 26 thousand dollars. This cost includes erecting a crude building for locker and shower room as well as grading the field and erecting bleacher seats.

"However, this is the report of only one firm," Hall said. "I'm expecting several more within a few days." Other members of the board took exception to Hall's estimate, maintaining construction of the locker room would hike costs to nearly \$30,000.

Board members discussed the idea of calling a special election to raise school taxes by 1 1/2 mills for two years to finance the project. However, no action was taken pending further investigation and decision on the field by the school board.

Hall pointed out that a tax raise of only a mill and a quarter would be inconsequentially small to add to present taxes, and that the taxpayer would get more for his dollar in the long run by having the field's receipts to finance the school's athletic program. The program at present is financed only partially by basketball gate receipts.

\$9,000 FOR LIGHTS

Hall stated Monday night that lights for the field would cost between \$6,500 and \$12,000, with \$9,200 as the most economical system. This includes heavy cables, covered floodlights, and other safety features, Hall stated.

However, lighting the field is only one portion of the project, he added. As the present football field has been ruled out as an illuminated field, the future location of the field would have to be graded and tiled, Hall stated. In addition to construction of the playing area, grandstands and a crude shower room would also be needed.

It was an estimate for the shower and locker room that Hall and board members differed. However, no definite specifications for the buildings have been drawn, and no architect's estimate has been made.

EXAMINE OTHER FIELDS

The board decided Monday night to delay action on the proposed field until specifications for the field had been given. Hall and other board members are to examine similar fields in other cities to see if ready-made plans and specifications could be used here.

Board members Monday night stated the project would be a worthwhile community project because of its many uses. It could be used for football. It was suggested that the saddle clubs could use the lights for horse shows, and that other groups could use the field for concerts and similar entertainments. Inquiring seating capacity for many people, as well as illuminated space for evening use.

Blue Star Mothers Install New Officers

New officers for the Blue Star Mothers of America Farmington Chapter 48, will be installed on Thursday, January 19, at 1 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall.

New president is Mrs. Etta Vandenberg and Senior Vice-President is Alice Pifoot, and Junior Vice-President is Hester Wilkinson. Mae Harlett is Secretary, Ethel Lint Financial Secretary, and Grace Auld Treasurer.

Other officers elected include: Chaplain, Margaret Mahoney; Patriotic Instructor, Bertha Wersch; Historian, Lettie McIntyre; Conductor, Laura Burdick; Inner Guard, Gladys Williams; Outer Guard, Jane Ryall; Color Bearers, Josephine Hix and Helen Clifford.

Mrs. Lanny Ritz, Past President of Novi, will be the installing officer. Mrs. Nellie Leonardhart, Department of Michigan President, will be the installing Chaplain.

Flowing Gas Well Harmless



Spectacular and smelly, but entirely harmless, this flowing well of bubbles was caused when a four-inch gas main on Thomas Street was repaired during last week's heavy rains. Gas from the leaky pipe bubbled through the water in the excavation until workmen completed the installation of a new main. According to customers Power Company officials, construction of the new main followed a decision against further repairs of the old one. No emergency was involved in the job, because winds quickly dissipated the leaking gas, company spokesmen said.

NEW BELL MANAGER



EDWIN E. SCHERDT

Erwin E. Scherdt, former assistant manager at Ann Arbor, is the new manager in this area for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. He succeeds John R. Saxton, who has been transferred to the Commercial engineering staff of the company's eastern Division.

Mr. Scherdt has been with the company for three years, all at Ann Arbor. He was in the service from 1941 to 1945 and a lieutenant in the 32nd Division of the Pacific Theater, part of the time with Army occupation forces in Japan. He emerged from the war as a first lieutenant. Scherdt attended Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti and the University of Michigan.

Legion Sponsors "Tide Of Toys"

Ray Oldham, commander of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, announced this week that the "Tide Of Toys" campaign has been extended to the more Farmington residents can participate in the project.

The campaign is being sponsored by the American Legion on a nationwide basis. The purpose of the project is to secure toys from residents of the Farmington area to be shipped to the children of Europe.

Distribution of the toys is under the direction of CARE, who already has an efficient organization set up in Europe.

Residents of Farmington may leave toys at the Farmington City Hall.

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