

Around The Block

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH . . . especially in a slush is concerned. Even hardened Michiganders can be heard muttering in their coat collars these days. All of a sudden the lure of the warm Florida or California sun becomes very interesting. Those are almost unparadise words for a true son or daughter of Michigan to utter but they can be heard around about these days. There are other words being let loose, too, by motorists who also comfortably into a parking place along the Farmington main streets and then spend time, tires and gas spinning their wheels in hopes they can get out. A quick trip with the city scraper along the curbs would help a lot.

IN CASE YOU FORGOT . . . to mark this week end on the calendar, do it right now. Thursday night will be a big one for basketball fans at both Farmington and Clarenceville. Falcon hoosters will be heading for the Wald and Lake to cheer on the Farmington team in their bid for a crack at the District finals Saturday night. Clarenceville fans will have the pleasure of seeing the Trojans play right in their new gymnasium Thursday and we hope Friday and Saturday. Everybody will be there to help the boys along whether at the annual game or at Wald Lake. So you had better make it a point to be there, too.

FOLKS, FOLKS, AND FOLKS . . . the Michigan Mid-Winter Festival last week end. It was a huge success from all reports and the Legion is to be highly commended for its efforts in making this event possible. The merchants' displays were outstanding and everyone, merchants and customers, had a wonderful time. Already there is talk on all sides favoring the making of this an annual affair. That in itself is proof enough of the fine work done by the Legion.

THE EMPTIEST PLACES . . . in town right now are the coal yards. Even the dusty old coal trucks have all of a sudden become things of beauty and notice. People stand and stare at the truck bounces down the street. Back in the coal yard nothing much is left but solid ground. Most of the kindling is also gone and who knows, maybe the furniture will be next. However, a check at the City Hall Tuesday indicated that no real emergency calls have been received as yet. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville schools will be able to continue for the present at least, according to officials, so the Farmington area seems to be a little better off than some other localities right now.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUBS . . . in the Farmington Area and all over the Nation will be celebrating their week beginning Sunday, March 4. The 4-H Club program is filling a vital need in our country today. It is an organization dedicated to the principles of helping boys and girls help themselves. It is up to all of us to see to it that such organizations are encouraged in their work of making better, more useful Americans. Our democracy — our future, is dependent upon the constructive development of energetic, free thinking, honest working boys and girls.

THE NEW LOOK . . . is being brushed on the interior walls of the Farmington Town Hall and the scene of the point is in the air. In a very short time now it will be all set up for a busy season. We wouldn't want to even venture a guess as how many times the hall has been painted, but it is always surprising how new and clean it looks after a fresh paint job. It will be completed pretty soon, so stop in and take a look.

THAT LONG LINE . . . is down at Curt Hall's just didn't develop Tuesday. The ice storm kept a lot of people away so there are still several hundred folks without license plates. Last week end business was really rushing, however, 1500 plates a day went over Curt's counter Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We just can't be thinking what a lovely opportunity folks in those long lines in Detroit had to get their plates without waiting — and to contribute to the Oakland County Highway Commission's resources.

FARMINGTON CAN BE . . . proud of one of its ex-residents, Miss Beatrice Kleinschmidt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Kleinschmidt of Cactus, Arizona. Beatrice has been commended far and wide for a high-school thesis on the Akrotiri power plant — matter of fact, the thesis has been taken as a thesis for a Master's degree by a college professor who examined it. Beatrice and her folks used to live in Farmington until six years ago. They lived on LaMar Avenue and Beatrice went to Noble School.

WE FINALLY . . . managed to get rid of that dollar. We're printing a couple of the best letters in this week's edition. The one signed "For Farmington" is the one that takes the loose buck. See how easy it is to make money? Should have tried yourself.

Falcons Win Tie For League Lead

By LARRY GILSON

The Falcons finished the regular 1949-50 season last Friday night by defeating the Walded Lake five to three in the 42nd annual Walded Lake. This is the 42nd time the two squads have clashed, the Falcons dropping the first. This victory puts the Falcons in three ways tie with Walded Lake and Keego Harbor for first place in the Inter-Lakes league.

The Falcons started off fast and outscored the Vikings in the first quarter by a score of 12 to 0. Walded Lake's 7. Walded Lake, however, came back in the second quarter to go ahead of the Falcons, 23 - 22 at the end of the first half.

The third quarter was close all the way with the Blue and White gaining a slight margin over Walded Lake, 35 - 31. The final period was a hard battle until the buzzer ended the game with the Falcons out to front 47 - 43.

High point laurels went to Dave Dirmeyer, who contributed 17 points to the Falcons' victory. He was followed by Dick Tupper with 11 and Jim Bates with 10.

The Falcon junior varsity went into overtime in their game, the score being tied at 22 all the way to the end of the regular time. The young Falcons came back in the overtime to outscore the Vikings and win their game, 39 - 37. Jerry Putter walked away with high point honors for that game with 16 points. He was followed by Bob Hutton, who dropped in 12 points.

Farmington's varsity finished the season with a record of 15 wins against 2 losses. Dave Dirmeyer and Dick Tupper both won berths on the Detroit Times Inter-Lakes Conference All-Star team. The Trojans' varsity lost just one game during the entire season.

Grandville Barrett of Meas, Montross, has been visiting the Nelson Vanderburgh family on Waldron.

REV. GRAUPNER, ST. PAUL'S FORMER PASTOR, DIES

Rev. Paul C. Graupner, former pastor of St. Paul's Church and of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Monday following an illness of several weeks.

Rev. Graupner was pastor at the Middlebelt Road church until his retirement in 1944. Born in Saxony, Germany, in 1869, he entered the ministry October 14, 1890. Rev. and Mrs. Graupner, who preceded him in death eight years ago, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1941. A son, Herbert, also preceded him in death in 1938.

Rev. Graupner will rest at his residence, 1627 Sorrento, Detroit, until 11 a.m. Thursday. He will lie in state at the Jehovah Lutheran Church, corner of West Outer Drive and Greenfield, until funeral services, 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Three sons, Arthur, Carl and Oscar of Toronto, Canada; and Oscar of Ansonia, Minnesota, also survive, as do thirteen grandsons, one great-grandchild and a sister, Martha, of Germany.

Surviving Rev. Graupner are four daughters: Clara and Martha, at home, Mrs. E. (Emma) Meyer of Detroit, and Mrs. A. (Louise) Goyel of Farmington. Three sons: Arthur of Columbus, Ohio; Carl of Toronto, Canada; and Oscar of Ansonia, Minnesota, also survive, as do thirteen grandsons, one great-grandchild and a sister, Martha, of Germany.

Noble P. T. A. To Hear Girl Scout Troop 174

Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 174 will present a musical program when the Noble P. T. A. members at the Association meets March 6 at 8 p.m. at the Middlebelt Road School. Mrs. Samuel Turner will assist Kindergarten mothers in serving lunch, the lunch to be in keeping with Girl Scout colors. The meeting will be open to the public.

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THEY LOVED IT last week end at the American Legion Hall. Crowds swarmed into the Legion's Mid-Winter Festival when most Farmington merchants exhibited their goods and services, and distributed generous samples. No count could be made of the number of people attending, but estimates ranged about the two thousand mark. Merchants at the show found it worthwhile too —

they accumulated prospects for anything from a refrigerator to a resting job. Legion Commandant Ray Oldham says the Festival will probably be made an annual event because of the popularity with townspersons and merchants alike. More than 31 booths were filled by displays of merchandise at the Festival, and eight automobile dealers showed their latest models outside the hall.

Local Cage Teams To Open District Tourney Tonight

Falcons At Walded Lake, Trojans At Clarenceville

Farmington and Clarenceville's basketball teams will open their bids for basketball fame Thursday night in the initial rounds of the Michigan High School Athletic Association District tournaments.

The Falcons will meet Bentley High School in the District Class "B" basketball tournament at Walded Lake. Clarenceville will take on Sacred Heart of Dearborn in the Class "C" tournament to be held at Clarenceville. Both teams will be fighting to win the District Tournament and thus get a chance at the Regional tournaments to be held next week end.

If the Falcons win their contest against Bentley Thursday night they will play in the finals Saturday evening. The game Thursday evening will be played at 9:00 p.m. Farmington, Milford, Walded Lake and Plymouth are the Class "B" teams scheduled to meet in the Walded Lake tournament March 2, 3 and 4. Class "C" teams participating are Keego Harbor, Hartland, St. Mary's and Northville.

Finals in Class "C" will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Class "B" finals will be played at 9:00 p.m. Saturday.

CLARENCEVILLE TOURNEY Clarenceville's Trojans will open the District 25 Class "C" basketball tournament Thursday night on their own floor when they meet (Continued on Page Twelve)

Legion's Festival Goes Over Big

The Farmington merchants' long courtship of the Farmington customer was climaxed by a happy honeymoon last week end at the American Legion hall. Best estimates of the number of participants ranged far over the thousand a day mark.

The Legion's Festival created no small stir over the week end, Cars lined Grand River on both sides as people came from Farmington, Clarenceville, Walded Lake, Milford, and even from Pigeon, to see what the Farmington merchant had to sell or give away. Samples played an important part in the festival, with each visitor receiving a sackful of merchandise.

Some of the exhibitors joked about being able to live at the Legion Hall permanently, so great was the variety of foodstuffs offered to the visitors free of charge. And the audience loved it — they almost literally ate it up. Farmington dairy alone gave away hundreds upon hundreds of samples of their dairy products.

But the prospective purchaser wasn't the only one who thought the Festival was worth while. The merchants frankly stated they enjoyed the show, gained a lot of prospects, and in many cases sold merchandise right at the show. Forrest Dickerson, whose hardware store at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake mystified the audience with prices suspended in midair pouring endless streams of paint, said the Festival had gone over much larger than the merchants had expected.

The great crowd, as well as the business advantage gained at the Festival, has inspired the Ameri-

can Legion to make its Mid-Winter Festival an annual affair. Commandant Ray Oldham said Sunday night. "At first, it was planned as a 'thank you' to the business men who generously contributed to the construction of the Legion Home," Oldham said, "but it has proved to be so popular to the customers, worthwhile to business, and has made so much progress in helping the town, and the merchants, together, that we think it will be an annual affair."

Oldham also pointed out another Legion objective at the Festival — the opportunity the merchants had to get to know each other better at the festival. He said that in the course of ordinary business, the merchants don't get a chance to "rub elbows" often enough, but that the Festival gave them that opportunity.

Some progress was also made toward an organization of merchants. Mrs. Richard Miller, wife of the proprietor of the Farmington Furniture Store, commented on the opportunity the merchants had to get to know each other better at the festival. He said that in the course of ordinary business, the merchants don't get a chance to "rub elbows" often enough, but that the Festival gave them that opportunity.

Students Honored At Music Festival

Students from the Farmington Township Public Schools captured first place in the annual Music Festival at Ypsilanti State Normal College on Saturday, February 18.

Thomas Clifford, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sowers of 32530 Hillcrest, placed in first division with a piano solo. Patricia Sowers, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sowers of 28805 Farmington Road, placed in first division with a saxophone solo. The fifth grade clarinet trio from the Noble School also placed in first division. They are Fred Bonding, Douglas Havela, and Thomas Matz. Thomas Clifford and Patricia Sowers will go on to the State Festival at Michigan State College on Saturday.

Several Farmington students earned the rating of "Two" which is the highest rating for performance. Rosamund LeMieux, a junior and accompanist for the other students, earned this rating for her piano solo. Richard Dowers, a senior, earned a "Two" for his clarinet solo as did Jack O'Ryan for his saxophone solo.

Lloyd Smith, director of instruction in music, feels this type of festival is very profitable for all students who enter, regardless of how they place, as they gain immeasurably from the experience of the program. They practice the art of self performance, and the comments of the professional adjudicators.

Special Election On Township Building Ordinance Certain

Garden Club To Hear Horticulture Professor

The Farmington Garden Club will hold its first meeting of 1950 on Monday, March 6, at the First Baptist Church in Farmington at 8:00 noon.

Mr. E. O'Rourke, Assistant Professor of Horticulture at Michigan State College, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Propagation of Plants" and will start at 9:00 a.m. Prior to O'Rourke's talk, a social hour will be held to acquaint the new members and new officers.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. J. Paul Cawkins, chairman, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, and Mrs. William Aulapp.

Trojan Five Drops Final Game 38 - 31

By BOB RIGGS

The Clarenceville Trojans closed last Tuesday night, dropping a seven point 38 - 31 decision to a highly rated Keego Harbor outfit. This leaves the Trojans with a record of five wins and nine losses for the season.

Keego Harbor started off with a roar, bounding into a 9 - 2 lead in the early minutes of the opening period, but the Trojans slowed down 21, while limiting Clarenceville to eight and led 31 - 15 at the final quarter opening.

Baskets were about even in the second period as Clarenceville dropped in two baskets and Keego Harbor threw while Keego Harbor banked in three baskets. The score at the half read 17 - 11 with Keego on top holding a six point lead.

Clarenceville tried to close the gap in the third period but Keego Harbor had its most productive period as far as points go by producing 14 points to raise their total to 31, while limiting Clarenceville to eight and led 31 - 15 at the final quarter opening.

At this point the Trojans put on one of their most spirited rallies in their history as they fought to cut the Keego lead to 31 - 21 less than two minutes to go. Here the Presidents froze the ball and added a basket and a free throw to clinch a 38 - 31 victory.

Bob Godette rocked in nine points to top the scoring, and was closely followed by Roy Nelson with eight points.

The Trojan Reserves absorbed a pounding at the hands of the young Presidents, losing a one-sided 45 - 13 game. This puts the Reserve record at four wins and ten losses for the season.

Farmington Township Civic Assoc. Demands Vote On New Code

A special election on the Farmington Township Building Code is now certain, it was announced this week.

The statement was contained in a letter to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, and Mr. Lowell Krieg, director of the North Farmington District Civic Association. The letter, signed by the Executive Board of the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., circulators of the petitions calling for a referendum vote on the ordinance, stated that the Association would not agree to any compromise.

Krieg appeared before the Township Board last week and agreed to contact Mr. Frank Gossett, president of the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., in an effort to discuss the ordinance and possibly reach an agreement on the objections to the code. In this way it might be possible to avoid the necessity of an election.

The letter from the Board of the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., stated, however, "We, the Executive Board, feel that any attempt to compromise on the part of the Building Code or Zoning Ordinance should be voted on by the people, therefore, we will agree to no compromise and demand an election."

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At a meeting of the Southeast Farmington Civic Association held Tuesday evening, Krieg publicly questioned the validity of the signatures on the petitions. He stated, "We can not believe there are 225 people in the Township that think so little of our community that they would oppose a minimum safe zoning ordinance." Building Code or Zoning Ordinance should be voted on by the people, therefore, we will agree to no compromise and demand an election."

Because of the policy established by the National Red Cross, local (Continued on Page Twelve)

11 Injured In Bus-Auto Wreck

Eleven people were injured, none seriously, Sunday evening at 7:44 p.m. when two cars and a Greyhound bus collided west of Novi on U. S. 16. A Farmington woman was among the injured. She was released to the care of her family doctors after the accident.

Mrs. Edward Lange, of 23015 Maple Street, Farmington, received a bruised knee, and other passengers were slightly injured when a Greyhound bus with a car driven by Orlin Offenbacher, of Dearborn.

According to State Police records, Offenbacher was driving west on U. S. 16 and collided with a Greyhound bus east of Novi on U. S. 16. The Offenbacher car, out of control, then crashed into the south lane of the road into the path of the bus.

State Police said a warrant for Offenbacher's arrest on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor has been authorized. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Coal Dealers Scraping Bottom

Farmingtonites don't need a telephone set to be extra-poorly with coal-seeking friends; an oil-burning furnace will do the trick.

Farmington coal dealers have been "fresh out" of coal for several days, telephone calls Tuesday revealed. Raking the places where the few piles were has been good for a few bushels of the precious black stuff now and then, but ice and snow have made even that source of supply almost worthless. Meager supplies of coal purchased far above market prices have been rationed out to customers as soon as they received, some of the dealers said. "People who can't get coal if I have it," one dealer said, and expressed the attitude of the Farmington dealers.

An emergency may develop among welfare cases, however. According to the Farmington Lumber and Coal Company, each welfare case ordinarily receives about 100 lbs. of coal monthly. Where this coal will come from isn't known; no plan has been arranged by the company to provide welfare cases with fuel. Usually the coal is delivered shortly after the first of each month.

Use of alternate fuels is becoming more popular in the face of the

coal shortage. The Farmington Mills have been burning corn cobs for fuel, and the use of coal runs out in a few weeks, the mill will burn the cobs exclusively. Wood is being suggested by coal dealers as an alternate fuel. One coal dealer said he had a list of three wood suppliers tacked over his telephone, ready for reference when a customer asked for coal. Oil and gas conversion units have not had a boom market, however, despite the coal crisis. Dealers in conversion units say business is only normal for this time of year.

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Exchange Club Hears Police

The Farmington Exchange Club met February 25. Cy Cash of the Metropolitan Council of Detroit addressed the club, together with Chief of Police Joseph DeVincenti. He chose as his subject the increase of crime in the United States. The increase for 1949 was 24.2% - 7% of this increase was in rural districts. Corporal Clarence E. Miller of the Michigan State Police. Corporal Miller was instructor of the last three recruit classes of the State Police.

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