



WE'RE WONDERING...

what ever because of that old traditional ritual considered mandatory by the residents; namely, coming to call on the neighbors. We've chattered with a new resident of Farmington last week...

COMING TO CALL...

might not be a bad idea for a lot of folks who are laboring under some misconceptions. We refer to the folks who cast sinister doubts as to the good faith of such instruments of government as the school board...

ADDING A BIT...

of color to the landscape is the big job of the highways about this time of the year. We refer to the yellow and white markings that grace the center of the road.

WHICH REMINDS US...

of another rather gruesome thought; the automobile steering post. We have often wondered, as we surveyed the wreckage caused when a ton of steel has been hurled into the air...

WE'RE HOPING...

the junior citizens at Farmington High School are paying some attention to the results of last week's special election. It strikes us that they were made mighty unhappy when the football field proposition lost.

SPRING SMELLS...

in its own way, depending entirely on past memories. For instance, the smell of hot tar is reminiscent of spring to a lot of city dwellers.

ANOTHER SIGN...

of spring is the coming of the June bride. We have a special message for those contemplating marriage this summer. Namely, be sure to drop in at the office to see us some time before your wedding date.

Trojans Rack Up Two More Wins

By BOB RIGGS - The Clarencville Trojans stayed in the win column last Friday afternoon as they subjugated the Inkster Vikings 10 to 1 behind the four hit bats of Jerry Riggall...

FALCON THINCLADS SWAMP TWO FOES IN DUAL MEETS

Farmington High School's track team continued their winning ways in dual competition this past week by defeating both Northville and Milford by lopsided scores.

Voters To Get Second Chance At Night Field

Put Proposition On June 12 Ballot

Voters in the Farmington Township School District will get another chance at the proposed night athletic field, members of the Farmington School Board decided at a special meeting Friday night.

The athletic field measure, asking for a one-half tax levy for two years to finance an illuminated athletic field of Gill Road between Nine Mile and the Cut-Off was defeated at the polls May 8, when the proposition lost by 36 votes.

There were 354 ballots marked "No" and 318 "Yes."

At the meeting, Gerald Domes, superintendent of schools, and board members and several spectators at the meeting Friday by reversing his previous negative vote on the measure, first to "No" and then to "Yes" when his name was called on a roll-call vote.

However, before Domes voted for the measure, he raised several objections which he had heard from the electors. The rest of the board gave replies to each objection.

Domes first asked for a re-examination of the present field. Curt Hall, strongest proponent of the new field, answered the night plant, could be developed there if the baseball field were taken off, but that fencing would be more expensive and soil conditions at the present site do not merit the heavy investment for lights. Hall stated that if the present field were to be considered, he would vote against any plan for lighting it.

Hall contends that the clay at the present field would not make for a good football area; that there would have to be more space found for a baseball diamond; that parking space is not available. Hall also reminded the president of the board's statement in the valley on wet nights.

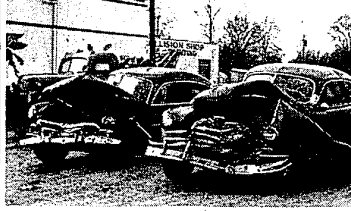
Hall said, "We can stick up two lightpoles for indoor at the new field, but we should develop day baseball where it can be played."

Board Secretary Rolfe Smith brought up the matter of the athletic program deficit. Basketball has been the main income for the athletic program, and basketball gate receipts have been called on to support football, track, baseball, cross-country, and the rest of the athletic program. Hall stated at Friday night's meeting that the growing deficit from the athletic program would be sufficient to pay for a field in five to six years. At present, the deficit is being made up by the school district's general fund.

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Aftermath Of Fatal Accident



The automobiles above were reduced to junk last Wednesday afternoon when they collided in the fog at Farmington Road north of Eight Mile. Four persons riding in the car at the left were injured. One of the occupants, Perry Davis of Pontiac, is still in critical condition at Redford Receiving Hospital. The other three, all members of the Loren Kelley family of Pontiac, were discharged. John T. Springer, riding in the car at the right, was killed. Mrs. Edna Shenkle, driver of the car, is still in the main Detroit Receiving Hospital in critical condition.

One Dead, Five Hurt In Crash At Farmington Road And 8 Mile

One man was killed and five other persons were injured Wednesday afternoon when two cars collided at the fog in Farmington Road just north of Eight Mile. John T. Springer, 57, of 26 Fenelcy Court, Pontiac, was killed. Injured were: Loren E. Kelley, of 621 Third Street, Pontiac; his wife, Jeanette, and son Thomas; Perry Davis, 69, of 422 W. Water Street, Portland, Indiana, was seriously injured; and Edna Shenkle, 36, of 628 Kansas, Pontiac, was also taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Arnold Greene's Ambulance in the 5:00 car.

Davis was still in the "critical" list at the hospital Tuesday. Mrs. Shenkle, transferred to the Detroit Receiving Hospital, was reported in "good" condition the same day. The three Kelleys were discharged from the hospital last week end. Loren on May 13, Jeanette May 16, and Thomas May 15. However, they are not completely recovered. Loren Kelley suffered a crushed chest. Mrs. Kelley severe lacerations of the face and head, and Thomas a fractured skull.

According to State Police reports, John T. Springer, 57, was riding in an automobile driven by Edna Shenkle. Springer was dead on arrival at Redford Receiving Hospital. The other injured were passengers in the 5:00 car.

The accident occurred, police say, when the Shenkle car, proceeding south on Farmington Road, failed to make the curve and collided with the Kelley vehicle. The car came to a stop 130 feet north of Eight Mile Road, 51 feet south of the point of impact as indicated by tire skid marks.

ROBERT CASSELL ELECTED HEAD OF JAYCEES

Robert Cassell was elected president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce at the annual election held Monday evening at the home of Nate Mihaly.

Newly elected officers of the Jaycees will officially take over their new duties July 1 following the annual installation of officers. Bud Felton was elected first vice-president and Ed West second vice-president. The new secretary will be Bill Conroy and the new treasurer Phil Thomas. Roy Brown was elected director for the coming year.

Roy Erdmann is the retiring president of the Farmington Jaycees as a member of the Board of Directors. Plans are now being made for the annual installation banquet. A large delegation of Junior Chamber of Commerce members will attend the Annual State Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention this week end in Detroit.

The Farmington Falcons baseball team was defeated Tuesday afternoon by Walled Lake 8 to 2. The City was outplayed by Farmington and allowed 7 hits. The Falcons got 4 hits and made 6 fielding misplays.

Beebe, Holly pitcher, turned in a fine pitching performance also striking out 5 Farmington batters. Holly scored one run in the first inning. The first man up got a sharp line drive hitting for the only Holly hit, a single. The next man up was hit by a pitched ball to fill the bases. Holly's first run came on an error on an infield grounder.

They got their second run in the third inning when the first man up walked. He stole second and got to third on error. The run scored on a fly ball to the outfield. Farmington's lone run came in the fifth inning. Bunge, first up on the fifth, singled. Ditchfield drove out a sharp single. Bunge hitting for Alexander, flied out. With Tupper at bat, Ditchfield stole second and went to third when the ball got by the second baseman. Tupper hit an infield grounder. Ditchfield scoring on the play.

The Falcons had the bases loaded in the ninth inning with two out. The entire Clarencville community, third, broke for the plate and was called out to end the game. Farmington will meet Milford Friday afternoon in another league game at Milford.

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Civic Association Requests Township Financial Report

Board Notices Group That Audit Was Made Public At Annual Meeting

In answer to a request from the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., for a public financial statement, the Township Board directed the clerk to notify the group that such a statement was made public at the Annual Meeting April 3.

The letter from the Farmington Township Civic Association, Inc., stated that the members had approved a motion to ask the Township Board for a public statement of all expenses incurred by the Township Board, and the Farmington Township Water System. The letter was from Mrs. Clara Gossett.

Commission Hears Proposed Budget

An estimated \$105,000 is anticipated for the operation of the city of Farmington for the year 1950-51. The initial presentation of the budget, it was announced at the regular meeting of the City Commission last Wednesday evening.

Mayor Delos Hamlin made the announcement in connection with the initial presentation of the budget. This means that revenues for the operation of the city government will be approximately \$6,000 over last year's income. Hamlin also announced that some money is expected to be carried over from this year.

However, the proposed budget calls for expenditures totaling approximately \$137,000. Hamlin stated that expenditures would have to be reduced to come within the estimated income. The final meeting on the budget will be held June 7 with approval by the Commission at the regular meeting June 14.

An estimated \$1,500 will be added to the City's income from local property taxes. Increased revenues under the Sales Tax Division is expected for most of the balance of the increased revenue. This has been figured on the estimated increase in population. The exact amount will not be known until the 1950 census figures have been released.

The largest increase in expenditures for the coming year is the proposed budget in a new water main leading into Floral Park. This will cost an estimated \$20,000. Street repairs have been estimated at \$12,000, an increase of about \$5,000 over last year. The new budget also calls for an expenditure of \$12,000 for new machinery and equipment and \$5,000 for new hydrants.

These are only preliminary figures and some cutting will have to be done before final approval by the Commission. This is the primary purpose of the open budget meeting to be held June 7.

The Commission approved a motion (Continued on Page Eight)

Mayor Proclaims Pappy Days

Farmington's Mayor Delos Hamlin last week proclaimed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25, 26, and 27, as Pappy Days. Memorial Poppies will be distributed on the streets on those days by members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who will receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary activities on behalf of the disabled war veterans and needy children of war veterans.

Making the memorial poppies to be worn during Pappy Days is voluntary employment for thousands of disabled veterans in hospitals throughout the country. The work enables the veterans to earn money and is valuable as occupational therapy.

Mrs. Harold Quinn is poppy chairman of the Groves-Walker unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. Following is the proclamation signed by Mayor Delos Hamlin:

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington in 1917, 1918, and again in 1941 to 1945, sent many of its finest young men and women to serve in the defense of our country; and WHEREAS, many of these made the supreme sacrifice in that service; and WHEREAS, the memory of their service and sacrifice should be forever kept bright for the inspiration of our own and future generations; and WHEREAS, the wearing of the memorial poppies on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day brings to our minds and hearts the memory of these gallant dead; NOW, THEREFORE, I, Delos Hamlin, Mayor of the City of Farmington, do hereby proclaim Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 25, 26, and 27, to be Pappy Days in the City of Farmington, and I urge that all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy throughout the day."

(Signed) DELOS HAMLIN, Mayor

Proclamation

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Clarencville Boy Scouts Plan Charter Night

Clarencville Boy Scouts are planning a public charter night June 1 at the Clarencville High School, it was announced this week.

Cub Scouts, two Boy Scout troops and the Sea Scouts will all take part in the program. A tentative program has been arranged. More definite information will be announced next week.

The entire Clarencville community is invited. Everyone interested in scouting will have an opportunity to see the amount of Boy Scout work being carried on.

Town Club Holds Annual Inaugural Luncheon May 13

New officers of the Town Club were officially installed last Saturday afternoon at the Annual Inaugural Luncheon held at Saratoga Farms.

Mrs. Ray Hager acted as toastmistress for the luncheon. Mrs. Gene Hymes and Mrs. James Warner were in charge of decorations. Mrs. James Tagg was installed as president for the coming year. Other elected officers are: Mrs. Gene Hymes, vice-president; Mrs. James Warner, recording secretary; Nate Mihaly, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ted Smith, secretary; Mrs. Edward Dawson, Mrs. Wesley McLean, Mrs. Charles Layton and Mrs. George Sherlock, directors.

Mrs. Edward Dawson gave the retiring president's message. Mrs. James Tagg presented the incoming president's message. Mrs. E. H. Stuckey gave the history and purpose of the club.

New Theatre Managers Named



ED HOEHLER JACK BONE

Community Theaters, the new owners and operators of the Grand River Drive-In Theater in Farmington, announced this week that a great number of new improvements and added features are being made and will be put into operation in the near future.

Mr. Ed Hoehler has been named manager of the Drive-In, which is now a Community Theater. Mr. Jack Bone is the new manager of the Civic, also a part of the Community Theater circuit. The Civic has been in operation in Farmington for about 10 years, with Hoehler as manager since its opening with the exception of three years when Hoehler

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The Trojans added their final two scores in the second inning as Nelson and B. Rousseaux walked and came around on two infield outs and a pair of wild pitches. Inkster produced a run in the bottom of the first and two of their hits. Miller was safe at first on an infield error, Reid went out pitcher to first, Miller taking second. Jacobs singled to center, scoring Miller, but was out at second trying to stretch the hit. This victory, the third in a row for the Trojans, pushed them past the five hundred percent mark for the season with three wins and two losses. Heaphy turned in a fine performance for his second victory of the season as he struck out seven men and issued only one free pass.

Method is not less requisite in ordinary conversation than in writing, provided a man would talk to make himself understood.

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