

Around The Block

WE'VE glad they finally got past-us. Those 132,000 odd automobiles that flooded the town last week end, we mean. We've seen plenty of heavy traffic, but this last week was by far the biggest. Horribly enough, this sometimes long week end promises to show us an even larger jam.

Sometimes we wonder just what it is that keeps our police officers on the job under those conditions. We've seen a few accidents in the normal course of business here, and it strikes us that there has to be some reason for officers to stay on the job in heavy traffic where the accidents break out like hives in strawberry time. Those boys in blue must have unusually strong stomachs to be able to carry out business as usual when one of those senseless but bloody shenanigans takes place. At least, it makes it awfully easy to understand how an officer could get pretty peeved at a driver especially when he's only trying to save the driver's life. Which seems to be a thankless and not altogether worthwhile task in many cases.

THE KOREAN . . .

They can't fill us with wild joy. And yet, we can't help thinking that it lies in perfectly with what we've been saying all along. Namely, that your government, be it local, state, or national, won't reflect the will of the people, regardless of whether that will is for low taxes, high wages, good roads, or world peace, until the folks in this land make a habit of sometimes trying to ignore their government without losing an awful lot — perhaps their lives. Maybe there's a long way between Farmington and Korea, but we have the feeling that any war or any local controversy is preventable if the people make it their business to see that the government is doing the right thing.

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THERE HAVE BEEN . . .

Some other crowds of items besides automobiles flocking to Farmington recently. Bees, for one thing. A couple of places — one over on Jefferson, the other the residence of ex-cop warden James Ehier, have been deluged by bees. Rather unpolite people, the bees didn't go away until the folks on Jefferson street got rid of their big calling to a man who lured them into a hive with no bloodshed. The last we heard, Mr. Ehier was trying to get hold of the same fellow. Seems the bees landed on his roof and stayed there for four days.

ANOTHER ODDITY . . .

It was a fish. This time it was a fish. It didn't swim in under its own power, either. It arrived in a Chevrolet, after making the first few feet of the trip along a casting road near William Williams Pike, was removed from Linden Lake, near Calumet. What happened after it arrived in Farmington was as interesting as Mr. Hier's story about catching the miniature whale. First of all, he loaned it to a neighbor who immediately got out his fishing tackle and had his picture taken with the fish. Then another neighbor to whom Mr. Hier had promised to present any fish that weighed 17 pounds and thereby equalled his previous record, was asked to accept a "10 pound" item. The neighbor was more than a trifle amazed (and pleased) to see nearly four feet of fish offered to him. He took it — and it made wonderful steaks, we hear.

BEFORE WE . . .

We have another about week coming up — our Monday will forget it. We have another about week coming up — our Monday will forget it. We have another about week coming up — our Monday will forget it. We have another about week coming up — our Monday will forget it.

SOMETHING ELSE . . .

It happened to catch our eye this week. We were digging out a few things from the school budget for this year, and we find that we don't pay for our schools as we think — at least, not directly from our pockets. Local taxes amount to 27.5 per cent of the total budget of the Farmington school system. 69.5% of the money used to educate our youngsters comes from state aid in one form or another. Which means you get quite a lot for your money from the educational system. Even so, buying an educational system is an expensive job — and it's a good investment. Because if tomorrow's citizens aren't worth the money it takes to teach them to be good citizens, then what is the value?

REGARDLESS . . .

of how hot it is this week end, do yourself a favor. Stay home. There's no point in planning a picnic or a swimming party or a fishing party this week end. Too many other people have the same idea. Stay home and play Canasta or watch television or what not, but keep it at home. After that, if you really want to go out, you might as well try to venture out your front door — all you can accomplish is to get yourself in a heap of a mob and be a lot more uncomfortable than you would be if you stayed home with a pitcher of iced tea and a good book. Besides — going out into that traffic may well be styled a one-way trip. You might come back feet first in a prone position. We like to have your presence, so stay home. And stay alive.

Clarenceville Nine Gets Revenge 7-6

Clarenceville got revenge Sunday afternoon from the North Adams team by defeating them 7 to 6 in a close contest at Clarenceville.

Harold Siegert was on the mound for Clarenceville with Bob Miller, playing his first game for Clarenceville. The ball game was made very exciting by the fact that Clarenceville drove out 13 hits and committed 7 errors while the North Adams Indians got 7 hits and made 4 errors.

The Indians jumped off to a two run lead in their half of the first inning on a hit, a walk and two errors. Clarenceville scored one run in the second inning when Gatter singled to set the bases and an overthrow and came on home on an overthrow to third. The Indians got their third run in the fifth inning on a walk, a hit batter and a single.

In the sixth inning Clarenceville exploded to score five runs and take the lead. Sullivan led off with a single, Rouseaux walked, Miller smashed out a single, scoring Sullivan. Gatter got his second hit on Wednesday morning.

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POST OFFICE TO BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4

Norman C. Lee, Postmaster, announced Tuesday that the Farmington Post Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

No city or rural deliveries will be made on Tuesday. Letters may, however, be left in the box outside the Post Office where they will be picked up on Wednesday morning.

There will be no incoming mail taken by the Post Office and no special delivery letters will be delivered. Unlike past years when the Post Office was closed for the entire day, the Post Office will be closed to any type of mail this Tuesday.

The Farmington State Bank and the majority of business places in Farmington will be closed for the 4th of July.

Exchange Club Names Officers

William Garsham, 2310 Maple, was elected president of the Exchange Club last Wednesday when the club named officers for 1950-51.

Arnold Jorgensen was made vice president, Max Hulet, second vice president, and Claude Goodes secretary.

Emory Hatton was re-elected treasurer, and Dr. Joseph Gadow, Thomas Berling, and Hugo Peterson were named to the board of control.

Sylvester Pheney is the retiring president of the Exchange Club.

Also at the June 21 meeting, George Cullen, Jr., and the former minister of the Methodist Church in Farmington, gave a talk on individualism as against collectivism.

Jaycees To Hold Annual Installation July 8

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual installation banquet Saturday, July 8, at the Elks Lodge.

James Warner, program chairman, announced this week.

Robert Cassell will be installed as the new president of the Jaycees at 8 p. m. Other officers of the year 1950-51 will also be installed by state officers of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Senior Scout Troop Form Scout Troop

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Lift Stop Order On Construction In Floral Park

Ban Septic Fields On 40 Foot Lots

Building by the C. M. Construction Company started again early this week in Floral Park since the stop order placed in the subdivision by the city's Board of Appeals was lifted.

According to Bayard Tupper, a board member, the two homes now being built with septic drain fields on 40 foot lots will be completed, but no more homes requiring septic tank drainfields will be allowed in the city on forty foot lots.

Decision to limit the lot size for septic tank fields came after discussion of the Floral Park building with Russell Coulton, Oakland county health engineer. The Oakland County sanitarian said he would not approve the two homes now under construction on 40 foot corner lots for either FHA or "GI" mortgages.

Excavations for two other homes on 40 foot lots have been made in the subdivision, but the homes will be completed later. The other members of the Floral Park Civic Association were told. The association's board of directors met Monday night at the home of John R. Haine, 2229 Floral.

Record Opening Day Attendance Reported At Summer Playgrounds

Record attendance was reported at both Farmington and Clarenceville as summer recreation playgrounds opened Monday morning for six weeks.

William Nuse, Farmington Recreation Commission director, stated Tuesday that opening day enrollment at all three playgrounds in the Farmington area was excellent. He stated that 52 reported at Farmington High School in the afternoon, with even more in the afternoon. Bond School's playground reported 45 during the morning session and William Grace 35. Both of these playgrounds had some increase during the afternoon.

Harry McKittrick, Clarenceville director, and Joseph Markell, music director, announced record attendance on Monday, the first day of the Clarenceville program. McKittrick stated that about 65 reported in the Clarenceville High School the first day. Markell added that 15 majorettes reported for practice Monday, and 28 registered for individual music lessons. A total of 22 majorettes have registered.

During the opening day activities the first Junior high school baseball game was played at Farmington with the Red Sox defeating the Blue Jays 16 to 12 in a league handball game. There are three handball in the league. Some softball games were organized during the opening day. These activities are under the supervision of the boy playground supervisors. Girl supervisors organized activities for the girls and younger children.

This Friday children from the three playgrounds will take a trip to the Detroit Zoo. Twenty-five youngsters from each playground have registered for the trip. The school bus will leave Farmington

Time-Honored Method Of Cooling Off



Since time immemorial, there has always been one sure way to find relief when the mercury soars and the pavement buckles. And these boys are taking that sure way out of the heat; the only difference between the scene above and the time honored old swimming hole is the presence of bathing suits. Swimming in this and other pools in Springbrook Gardens subdivision recently were Frank and John Sundra, Gerald Williams, Robert Walters, Ronald Williams, John Plum and Larry Van Amberg.

Record Traffic Floods Area As Thousands Flee City Heat

DENTAL CLINIC TO TREAT 370 DURING SUMMER

Approximately 370 youngsters in the Farmington Township School District are expected to receive fluoride dental treatment during the summer through the special clinic set up at the Farmington High School.

The clinic under the sponsorship of the Children's Fund of Michigan will be conducted until September 8. Mrs. Edward Imonen, school nurse, stated that over 400 children have applied for treatment. She added that most of the applicants can be taken care of, if parents notify the office promptly of cancellation. The nurse stated that this way other applicants can be taken care of without delay.

Under the program each youngster gets his teeth cleaned and the initial fluoride treatment on the first visit to the clinic. One fluoride treatment a week is given for a month. There is no charge for the cleaning or the fluoride treatment.

The Children's Fund of Michigan, part of the Gutzens' Foundation, is furnishing the fluoride, dental equipment and services of a dentist for the program. Mrs. Imonen stated that in addition to the public school children, 70 children from Our Lady of Sorrows are school receiving the special dental treatments.

Grand River Choked By Estimated 2200 Cars Per Hour On Week End

Hot weather, a double-header ball game in Detroit, and the opening of fishing season combined Sunday to cause the greatest inundation of traffic Farmington has ever seen. Cars moving nighly bumper to bumper choked Grand River from Middlebelt to Novi as thousands fought to get out of Detroit — only to find themselves inextricably smothered by the great mass of traffic.

Traffic moved through the City of Farmington at a rate estimated at 2200 cars per hour from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Grand River was carrying three lanes of westbound traffic at that time, often backing up as far as Tuck Road to wait for the light. Side roads were also swamped as motorists sought to avoid the arterial thoroughfares. Orchard Lake Road, New Center Highway, Walden Lake Road, and 10 Mile Road were choked tight in several spots during the day.

Congestion became even more acute as traffic mounted. Grids stalled by vapor locks and red radiators blocked traffic. Police, themselves nearly immobilized by the mob, found it nearly impossible to get to the scene of the many minor accidents. Often forced to drive down the left shoulder of the road, local, state and county officers were run ragged all day long by the deluge of calls.

Grand River was further congested by accidents which halted movement of traffic. In one four-car collision on US-16 between Hagerly and Grand River, a car was damaged. Mrs. Roberta Law of 2220 Harwood, Royal Oak, was injured when the car in which she was riding became number three in a four car accident when a car traveling west on Grand River stopped and three others unable to stop piled up behind it.

Numerous such accidents, most of minor import, took place, many of which were not reported to police. State Police, however, report 14 of that type, many involving injuries, look place last week end.

NOVI CONGESTED

Traffic at Novi was similarly tied up. According to gas station operators at the Novi Road-US-16 intersection, nearly a dozen cars were stuck along US-16 by the vidcast as motors, overheated by the constant starting and stopping, failed to be cooled because cars were unable to clear the intersection and air circulation. One operator stated that the only way he could get out of his station was to "bulldoze" his way into the traffic. He stated that he would not stop for a plain automobile, he stated.

The line of westbound traffic, (Continued on Page Twelve)

Lawson Heads School Board

William G. Lawson has been elected president of the Clarenceville Board of Education for the coming year, it was announced this week following a special meeting of the Board.

Thomas Wilson was elected secretary of the Board and Robert Dennis was named treasurer. Richard Priebe and Dallas Sullivan, newly elected members of the Board, will serve as trustees for the coming year. The special meeting was held at the Clarenceville High School.

The Board tabled the matter of the repair to the wall of the Central School and the sidewalk at the high school until more bids can be received. They authorized the purchase of paint for the redecorating of the classroom, lavatories and halls at the Central School. The building committee, composed of Board members, was authorized to accept the best bid for flooring the temporary building at Central School. The contract for the lumber was awarded to Smith-Tupper Lumber Company. Superintendent Louis Schmidt stated Tuesday morning that the flooring work has been completed.

Schmidt stated that repair and remodeling work was being concentrated on Central School this year. The major work done last year was at the Edgewood School.

Rate Announces Bell Increases

New telephone rates increase this week by the Bell Telephone Company for the Farmington area will affect nearly every type of local phone service.

The new rates, which became effective on June 20, were granted by the Public Service Commission. Both resident and business users will be affected by the rate increase. Farmington resident users will pay increases ranging from 25 cents to 50 cents per month. Business customers will pay from 50 cents to 70 cents more under the new rate schedule.

The new Farmington area rates are as follows: Residential flat rate service will be — individual lines, \$2.25; two party lines, \$2.50. Business service rates will be: Individual lines, \$6.00, two party lines, \$5.00, and private branch exchange, \$9.00. These are monthly rates under the new schedule. Long distance rates are not affected by the Public Service Commission order.

New rates for customers subscribing to an extended area service will be \$4.25 for individual residential lines, \$3.50 for two party residential and \$7.00 for individual business (Continued on Page Seven)

Expect Another Record Novi Vote

Another record vote may be in the offing at Novi. June 8, 245 voters went to the polls to approve an \$800,000 bond issue, although last year's general school election drew only 115 ballots.

Two men have filed nominating petitions for election. The school board in this year's general school elections July 12. There is one vacancy on the board to be filled; Jack Crawford, who has served three years on the Novi board, faces an expired term.

Crawford, for the last year treasurer of the board, has filed petitions for re-election. He is opposed by William H. MacPherson. Crawford says he expects another vote the size of the bond issue vote.

The proposition at the polls June 8 asked for eight mills for 12 years to finance bonds for six new school rooms. Plans for the addition to the present school building were sent to Lansing this week for state approval. Final blueprints of the building have not been completed.

Liberty Bell Visits Children's Hospital

The Liberty Bell made an unscheduled stop during its visit Wednesday to Farmington and Clarenceville when it pulled into the grounds of the Children's Hospital, Grand River Cut-Off.

Youngsters at the hospital crowded the windows to get a look at the replica of the famous Liberty Bell mounted on a special truck. The stop was made between the special ceremonies held at Farmington and Clarenceville. The Liberty Bell visit to this area was sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Harris, chairman of the project, gave a brief address at Farmington in the Town Hall Park followed by similar ceremonies at the Clarenceville High School. The Liberty Bell was escorted into Farmington by a bike brigade made up of youngsters from the Farmington area playgrounds.

The purpose of the visit of the Liberty Bell was to stimulate interest in the current Savings Bond Drive which ends July 4.

Lions Exhibit New Iron Lung

Lion Carson Baldwin looks on helpfully while Lion Willard Strickland tries on the new iron lung for size. The lung, being purchased by the Lions Club for Farmington Township, was demonstrated last Wednesday night at the American Legion Hall. The lung is carried in two boxes, one containing the lung itself, the other the power unit for the lung, shown in background, above.

ATTENDANCE HIGH AT ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT DAY CAMP

One hundred fifty-six girl scouts from the Farmington district attended the annual day camp the week of June 26-30.

During the week-long program 23 workers taught several handicrafts including lashing, simple crafts, including, outdoor cooking and trail blazing. A story telling hour was held by Mrs. Stephen Droege. Mrs. J. P. MacKay was the camp director.

Other activities included a Marietta show on Wednesday given by Lynne Groves, Roberta Spaller, June Turner and Linda Kelly, and an archery tournament Friday.

Mrs. Lydia Willmarth, whose husband is the state champion in archery, conducted the tournament, bringing two girls who were junior state champions to aide her in instructing the scouts. Page 2

Lynne Groves was the winner with Vals Herndon second and Sue Falter third.

Each year the girls name their own units and are known by that name for as long as they camp. Some of the names are so unusual they doubtless stay with the girls throughout the year until the next camp.

This year's outstanding names were the Flying Scarves, Secret of the Graveyard, Feather Caps and Bugland. The latter probably came by way of experience.

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