

AROUND THE BLOCK

THAT RUMBLE . . . Those lightning flashes last Sunday evening probably seemed just as strange to you as they did to most of our neighbors. It was our first five-day storm, as it is a sure sign that spring is here, in spite of the chilly wind that came in Monday. That downpour that accompanied the thunder and lightning was typically April, too. But apparently it takes downpours like that to make the grass green. We have the flowers getting ready to be doing very nicely. We have the several reports of early flowers in full blossom. They are rather brave, it seems to us, or else they can't help themselves. Anyway, with thunder storms, green grass and flowers in full bloom, we are going way out on a limb and say that spring is here.

ANOTHER SIGN . . . of spring is the announcement that the local baseball season will open at the Farmington High School athletic field this Friday afternoon. Come watch if you can get a good crowd on hand, because the Farmington Falcons and the Clarenceville Trojans will be swinging from the heels in the opener. Why not join the crowd and help your favorite team get off to a good start? You can be sure of one thing, there will be plenty of spirit and action on the field. Whether you get down to that sport and cheer on the team, or not, get out to this opener Friday. The game will start about 3:45 p.m. Will we see you down there?

HOW DO YOU LIKE . . . the new look at the Farmington Post Office? It sure looks nice, puts an appropriate finishing touch to the entire new building. The additional facilities should also add greatly to the convenience of customers as well as postal employees. The necessity of visiting postal employees has been removed from the post office from really getting down since moving into their new quarters. The installation of new boxes, additional customer windows and sorting tables should help a lot. If you haven't seen the new lobby, stop in the next time you are down that way and have a look around. We know you will be pleased with what you see.

GENUINE AMERICANS . . . by the score filed into the Farmington Town Hall Monday and Tuesday. They were there for one purpose, to save lives by giving blood. And they took their responsibility seriously. It was most evident in those who for some reason or another could not give blood. They tried and you could tell from their eyes that they tried very hard. We couldn't help but be proud to be surrounded by these American friends and neighbors, whether they were deeply disappointed. We couldn't help but be proud to be surrounded by these American friends and neighbors, whether they were deeply disappointed. We couldn't help but be proud to be surrounded by these American friends and neighbors, whether they were deeply disappointed.

THIS FRIDAY . . . in Farmington. It is an attempt on the part of a group of Farmington merchants and The Farmington Enterprise to stimulate interest in the Farmington shopping area. More important, it is a practical attempt to acquaint new residents with the shopping area and services offered in their new community as well as to encourage a shopping habit among all residents. This is the second dollar day held since the first of the year. See the special dollar day on page eight, second section, of this week's Enterprise. Take advantage of these special values and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Let's build a progressive community together.

IT'S CLEAN-UP . . . time in Farmington this week, and a welcome sight it is, too. The big County Road cleanup crew all spruced up for spring. At this morning's cleanup the Grand River got the winter dirt cleaned away, and it should put an end to a lot of justified complaints from merchants and residents alike. Equally encouraging news came from merchants and residents alike. Equally encouraging news came from merchants and residents alike. Equally encouraging news came from merchants and residents alike.

AN INCREASED FLOW . . . of traffic is becoming more evident as the annual truck to the lakes of week ends begins. It is still a little too early to notice much of this, but the fact has started. Every once in a while a car zips by hauling a trailer full of cottage furniture and maybe a boat. All it takes is a nice, bright, warm week end and we haven't noticed many yet. The season is the patch-up work. Both the city and the county have been very much on the go filling in the holes in our streets. The patch-up work is the patch-up work. Both the city and the county have been very much on the go filling in the holes in our streets.

Junior Class Play Set For Saturday . . . "Room For One More", a dramatic comedy, will be presented by the Junior Class of the Farmington High School this Friday, April 19, at the high school gym.

POLICE STEP-UP ENFORCEMENT OF TURN SIGNALS . . . Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt this week ordered Farmington policemen to step up enforcement of turn signals. He said to give a signal when they are turning left or right. DeVriendt pointed out that the traffic laws requires that drivers turn, shall pull into the proper lane, "and before stopping or materially varying the course in which he is proceeding, shall give a warning signal. . . either by hand signals or using a directional signal device to signify his intentions. . . Failure to signal produces two chief results. . . DeFriendt emphasized that this was not to be taken lightly.

Township Sets Deadline For Bids On Clean-Up . . . Sealed bids are now being taken for the semi-annual Farmington Township rubbish clean-up. Harry McCracken, clerk, announced this week.

Farmington H.S. To Close April 25 For Meeting . . . Farmington High School will be closed next Friday, April 25, for the 65th Annual Meeting of the Schoolmaster's Club, which will be held on the campus of the University of Michigan.

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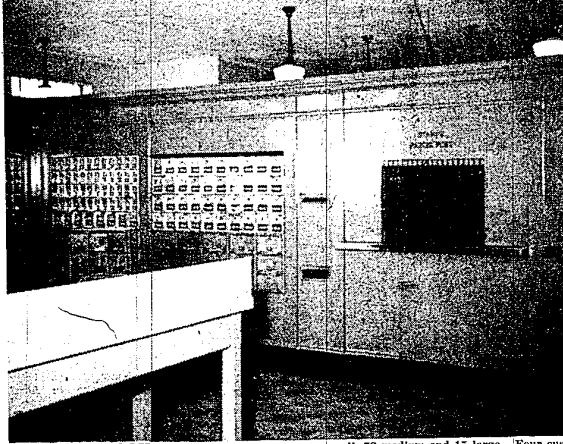
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RESIDENTS FILL TOWN HALL FOR TOWNSHIP MEETING



THE NEW LOOK has been added to the Farmington Post Office with the installation last week of new metal partitions, post office boxes, and customer windows. The new installation and increased cost of keeping old boxes and equipment in good condition takes the remaining \$15,570, Dunckel stated. Salary increases of personnel are roughly ten per cent over the previous year.

Blood Bank Nets 225 Pints During Two Day Visit

326 Appear At Bank Monday And Tuesday

A total of 225 pints of blood were contributed by Farmington area residents during the two-day visit Monday and Tuesday of the Mobile Red Cross Blood Bank at the Farmington Town Hall. Officials stated that although 225 pints of blood were contributed, a total of 326 persons appeared during the two days. There were 101 rejections reported. Red Cross personnel stated that the percentage was very good when compared to the average.

Approve Calling Of Open Meeting With County On Road Problems

A near capacity crowd filled the Town Hall Tuesday evening for the second part of the recessed Annual Farmington Township Meeting. The meeting did not open until 9:00 p.m. due to the Red Cross Blood Bank which was finishing up their program. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, read the minutes of the first part of the meeting held at 1:00 p.m. last Monday. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, then turned the meeting over to the people present.

A motion was made by George Rogers requesting that the Board get representatives of the County Road Commission to appear at an open meeting in the township to discuss road conditions and as soon as a date can be secured it will be advertised.

MOTION LOST . . . Frank Gossett moved that any emergency relief case in the township be given \$10 at once and then an investigation be made of the case. The motion was seconded. McCracken asked that the motion be put in writing and that after several questions concerning the procedure, McCracken stated that his request was made in order that the motion be properly recorded. McCracken stated that the purpose of the motion was to provide immediate aid, and sighted one case where he said an extreme hardship existed because the case was not investigated quickly. Pierre Delmontier stated that such a situation need not be developed as there is a Red Cross Family Relief Fund located in Farmington to handle just such cases. After considerable discussion pro and con, the motion was defeated.

Dr. Greene To Address Clarenceville PTA April 24 . . . Dr. Katherine B. Greene, University of Michigan Extension Service, will speak at the Clarenceville High School Thursday, April 24, under the sponsorship of the Child Study Group of the Clarenceville P. T. A.

Street Cleaning Begins In City . . . Work was begun Tuesday morning on the cleaning of streets throughout the city business district. James Tennant, City Manager, announced that an arrangement has been worked out between the city and the Oakland County Road Commission for the cleaning project. The large county sweeper began work on the business district in the morning of the city early Tuesday morning. The entire section of Grand River on both sides of the street will be done, as well as south Farmington Road.

Farmington School Board Approves Record Budget For Coming Year

New Budget Figure Set At \$582,870 For An Increase Of \$102,010 Over 1951-52

The Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District approved a \$582,870 budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953, at their regular meeting Monday night. The budget, as proposed by Superintendent O. E. Dunckel and approved by the Board, is \$102,010 over the figure for the fiscal year 1951 to 1952. Teacher salary increases, addition of teaching personnel and maintenance personnel salary increases take \$85,440 of the \$102,010 figure while increased cost of expendable equipment and increased cost of keeping old boxes and equipment in good condition takes the remaining \$15,570, Dunckel stated. Salary increases of personnel are roughly ten per cent over the previous year.

Falcon Nine Meets Trojans Friday

Farmington and Clarenceville will open their 1952 baseball season this Friday afternoon in an inter-county game at the Farmington High School.

Falcon coach Bill Nuse stated Tuesday that his team has had only one outdoor practice session since the candidates were selected that Clarenceville players have had about four days of practice outdoors. The team also had a practice session on Tuesday night. Nuse stated that his probable starting line-up for Friday's game is: . . . (Continued on Page Eight)

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS GIVEN NAMES

Names have been given to the four teams to be organized next month under the Farmington "Little League" Baseball program. Ted Chapman, chairman, announced this week. The team sponsored by the Star Cutter Company will be known as the Cubs, the Farmington State Bank team will be called the Tigers, the Farmington Dairy team the Yanks and the Dakeslee Chevrolet team, the Cards. Chapman stated that coaches have been selected for the four teams. They are Mark Benner, the Tigers; Robert M. Brown, the Cubs. . . (Continued on Page Eight)

Added Affairs Cause Temporary Set-Up

Because of the tremendous amount of business involved in the building program and the regular board affairs, the Clarenceville Board of Education, at its regular meeting Monday evening, voted to meet every two weeks for the balance of the fiscal year.

New Fire Department Gets Action Two Hours After Inauguration

It didn't take the new North Farmington Fire Department very long to spring into action, for only a few hours after the department was inaugurated it was called to a grass fire at 32670 Northwestern Highway. The fire, which occurred Wednesday, was quickly extinguished by the crew volunteers. They were called out again later in the week to put out a second grass fire on Alyce Kay just north of Twelve Mile Road. Neither fire was serious and no property damage resulted.

It's Spring Building Activity Takes Big Jump During Month In City And Township

With the spring thaw and warmer temperatures, building permits at Farmington Township and City offices have gone up as a result of a combined total of well over a quarter million dollars from March 1 through April 14. The town's share of the total \$305,000 was issued from the newly formed office of Township Building Inspector Thomas Tardy. Thirty-nine permits totaling \$326,430 in estimated valuation had been issued by Tardy through last Monday. Although encompassing a much smaller area and population, city offices approved seven building permits totaling \$38,625 in estimated valuation through the same period. Township residences, residence additions and garages accounted for \$27,400 of the township total while \$52,230 went for business building, business building additions, farm equipment buildings and industrial buildings. All of the permits were issued through last Monday. Two biggest single items on the township building agenda went to the Federal Fabrication and Machine Shop for a \$30,000 building to be erected in the West Eight Mile Road area and to Thomas E. . . (Continued on Page Eight)

NORTH FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Phone MAYfair 6-2500

New Minister



Officers of the First Baptist Church of Farmington announced this week that Rev. Dr. Gordon B. Northrop, pastor of the Baptist Church of Osage, Michigan, has accepted the call of the Farmington Church and will assume his duties here on May 11. Dr. Northrop holds the degrees of A.B., B.D., and Th.D. He took his college work at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, his seminary work at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. . . (Continued on Page Five)

Dr. Greene has had extensive training and experience in the field of parent and child relations. She has traveled a great deal in the United States and Europe as well as raising five children of her own. The Child Study Group is bringing Dr. Greene to Clarenceville as a part of their continuing program of education for adults in the community.

Tennant stated that the work is expected to be completed by this week end. The county sweeper will be working in Farmington on several days or until the project is completed. The City Manager stated that the cleaning of the streets will take care of the winter accumulation of dirt and that the city is planning periodic flushing of gutters through the summer months.

Work is also expected to begin this week on the removal of dangerous trees in the parkways and on public property. Tennant stated that the work is being done on a contract basis with the eastern end of the city early Tuesday morning. The entire section of Grand River on both sides of the street will be done, as well as south Farmington Road.

City building permits are issued by City Manager James Tennant with Fred Schaeper as City Building Inspector. Any person in the township who is planning an addition to an existing building or the construction of a new one needs a permit, Tardy stated. When applying for a township permit, persons must bring a site plan of the proposed building with them, the lot size and lot number. The sketches do not have to be complicated or detailed, Tardy stated. About half of the approved applications have been blue prints while about half were rough hand-drawn sketches on plain paper.

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