



WE WARNED YOU . . . that jacket hadn't, remember? Every time last week about the warm weather it turns cold or vice versa. We don't know whether the weatherman keeps an eye cocked our way or not, but he sure enjoys turning the tables on us. That Spring we were wondering about last week's back with us after a short disappearing act Monday and Tuesday it was warm enough to turn the road patches into soggy spots, this Tuesday they are solid as the pavement itself. So it goes, we have variety whether we like it or not. Now, next week — oh, no you don't! Our newspaper just refuses to carry this weather discussion a bit further, so we will have to change the subject.

ANOTHER SUBJECT . . . we don't particularly enjoy dwelling on it traffic accidents. But we feel it is our obligation, because if we can save but one life by a road sign, it is worth the words. If you read the papers Monday, you saw what happened last week end. Far too many of our citizens aren't alive to read those headlines. They were just like you and me, looking forward to tomorrow, planning and working as they go. It could have been to you. Let's not forget! Our highways will be crowded in the weeks and months to come. There will be accidents, injury and death. Don't let it happen to you, be careful, be alert, be smart — live to enjoy the summer ahead.

HAVE YOU NOTICED . . . the bank window the past week? If you haven't, we'll bet that young son of yours has. The window is devoted exclusively to Little League baseball. Just about the biggest subject makes the rounds of the smaller citizens right now. Road progress is being made on the Little League diamond down in the City Park, which is just another reason for the growing excitement. From all reports, the managers and coaches won't have much trouble securing player material, the crowd will come with the first team of players trying to hold down their positions. They will have lots of competition, that's for sure.

A BIT DISAPPOINTING . . . a crowd of people showed up for the public meeting on roads held last Friday evening at the Town Hall. Only about 40 persons attended the meeting which was called at the request of the people by motion presented and passed at the Annual Township meeting. From the large number of inquiries made at the meeting, it is obvious that the biggest subject makes the rounds of a large turn-out would be present to ask questions. Based on the discussion during the meeting and the remarks following, the majority of those present seemed to find little satisfaction in seeking a solution to their problems. However, a great deal of information was presented and the source of the problem lack of funds, was clearly emphasized. When an effort is made to secure such a program, at the request of the people themselves, it is a little discouraging not to have a better response.

GETTING PRETTIED UP . . . is the Town Hall grounds and if you haven't noticed the change have yourself a good look. New evergreens are being added and the beds are all being worked over. The new landscaping is a bright addition to the Town Hall building and park. The landscaping is being identified Farmington by this building and grounds. That's why making the park all the more attractive is important. Most people traveling through it and remember it. The park is sort of our front yard. But it's not just for passers-by, we enjoy it, too. Let's keep it looking nice by being careful of the shrubbery and by putting our candy and gum wrappers in the waste containers provided for that purpose.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING . . . to help your community and your country? You won't have to look far. The fire department is needed right here and needed badly. The Farmington Ground Observation Station has been ordered on 24-hour duty beginning this week-end and continuing throughout the summer. This means that both men and women are urgently sought to man the sky. It is the hope of officials that enough volunteers will be secured so that the station will be manned on duty more than three hours per week. Women are needed to man the station during the day and men to stand duty at night. To volunteer, all you have to do is report to the station, located at the leading Maple Company on Orchard Lake Road, this Saturday or Sunday. Here is your chance to do something for your community and your country?

A REAL TRAVELER . . . is a score for Farmington residents who enjoy piano music at a real. On May 28, Farmington's own June Toth will present a farewell concert at the Farmington High School gym, prior to her leaving for Europe for further study. The concert is being sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club. June, a graduate of Farmington High, will be attending Michigan State College next month, and then will leave for Europe.

Trojans Increase Conference Lead
Clarenceville's baseball team increased their lead in the Wayne-Oakland County League Monday afternoon with an impressive 3-1 victory over Milford on the Trojan diamond.
This was the Trojan's fourth win against only one loss against League competition. Elmer Rousseaux was on the mound for Clarenceville and chalked up his second straight win. Rousseaux pitched a four hitter, striking out eight batters and walking only one.
Clarenceville opened up the game in the second inning, getting three runs on four hits. Merrills, Robitaille, Patterson and Whyte all singled to lead the attack. Milford got their first run in the fourth inning on two singles. The Trojans got this run back in their half of the fourth inning when Gross singled, went to second on Meyer's sacrifice and came home on Whyte's single.
The Trojans added three more runs in the sixth to finish their scoring for the afternoon. Robitaille scored second on a sacrifice to third on Patterson's fly (Continued on Page Five)

Applications Being Taken For Playground Personnel
Application blanks for playground directors for the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program are available at the Farmington High School office and the Ten Mile Road School office. Director Hossler, room supervisor, announced this week.
Applicants should fill out the blank and return it to Director Hossler by May 21. Persons wishing to be in the line for consideration should be particularly sought. Hossler continued, but all persons interested are urged to fill out an application.

ENROLLMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN TO BE MAY 20, 21, 22
Registration of youngsters who will enter kindergarten in the Farmington School System next fall will take place May 20, 21 and 22 at the respective grade schools in the District. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, announced this week.
Letters have gone out to parents of children who, according to the 1951 census, will be entering kindergarten this coming year. Miss Zielke stated that persons who have moved into the District since the census will not receive letters. However, if they have children who were five on or before November 30, 1952, they should be enrolled. All parents are asked to bring their children's (Continued on Page Eight)

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CONTESTS ASSURE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Brooks Addresses Road Meeting



Lee Brooks, standing, member of the Oakland County Road Commission, addresses Farmington Township residents attending the public meeting on road problems held last Friday evening in the Farmington Town Hall. Approximately 40 persons attended the meeting, which was called at the request of Township residents. Members of the Farmington Township Board, seated at the table to the right, are: Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor; Harry McCracken, Township Clerk; and Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer.

Lack Of Funds Blamed For Road Conditions In Farmington Township

Only \$35,000 Allotted For Local Road Repair
Lack of funds was given as the reason for the poor road conditions in Farmington Township by Lee Brooks, member of the Oakland County Road Commission, when he addressed residents at a public meeting Friday evening in the Town Hall.
The shortage of money came up repeatedly as questions were presented to Brooks by the residents attending the meeting. A large portion of the meeting was devoted to the answering of questions written out by those present. In a few cases, where regular grading or snow plowing was involved, Brooks agreed to check into the situation. This he explained was not being done. However, most of the questions regarding road improvement received the "lack of funds" answer.
BUDGET SET
Brooks explained before the question period began that a total of \$35,000 is all that has been set aside in the Road Commission budget for local roads in Farmington Township. This figure, he explained, is based upon both mileage and population. The source of revenue for the county for this work is the gas and weight tax, of which 25% is earmarked. He added that the township has a total of 100 miles of local roads, not including through roads. The source of the responsibility of the county. Brooks stated that this year's total of \$35,000 is approximately \$14,000 less than last year. This he explained is due to a cut in funds by the legislature.
In answer to one question regarding the rebuilding of Orchard Lake Road, Brooks stated that the next Federal Aid funds will be used for the project. He added that the Road Commission had hoped to complete the job this year. Brooks emphasized that it costs approximately \$100,000 per mile today to construct a 22-foot all concrete roadway.
When asked if the Road Commission had a long-range program for road development and improvement, Brooks stated that a plan

Set Poppy Days For May 22, 23, 24

Mayor Kenneth Loomis, in a special proclamation issued this week, has designated Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 22, 23 and 24, as Poppy Days in the City of Farmington.
Members of both the American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary will sell poppies during the poppy days. Proceeds from the sale of poppies goes to aid disabled veterans and needy children of veterans during the coming year. The poppies are made by disabled veterans in hospitals and are worn every year at Memorial Day time in honor of the war dead.
Special committees have been set up by both the Legion Auxiliary and the V. F. W. Post and Auxiliary to handle this year's sale. Mrs. James Nourjian is chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary poppy sale. Calvin Pershing is chairman of the V.F.W. Post committee and Mrs. May Post is chairman of the V.F.W. Auxiliary committee.
Mayor Loomis has urged all citizens of the Farmington community to wear memorial poppies in honor of those who have given their lives for America in the two World Wars and in the Korean conflict.

Mayor Proclaims Poppy Days

"Whereas three times in the past thirty-five years the young men of our city have been called upon to help turn back a threat to America on foreign battlefields; and
"Whereas our young men answered this call with high courage and patriotism, some of the finest of them laying down their lives in the nation's defense; and
"Whereas the memory of these men and their sacrifices should live forever in our hearts; and
"Whereas our memory for our war dead and the honor in which we hold them is individually expressed by the annual wearing of the memorial poppy, now
"Therefore, I, Kenneth R. Loomis, Mayor of the City of Farmington, do hereby proclaim May 22, May 23 and May 24 to be Poppy Days in the City of Farmington, and do urge all citizens to observe the day by the wearing of the memorial poppy."

Purchase Site For Grade School At Clarenceville

School To Be Built In Northeast Section
Authorization was granted by the Clarenceville Board of Education at their meeting Monday evening to purchase Lot 16 of Supervisors Plat 13, Farmington Township, as a site for the proposed new elementary school.
When this purchase the Board has now acquired approximately four acres in the area between Sunnydale and Osmus, south of Clarenceville, for the proposed school building. This is the second site to be secured by the District as part of the proposed building program. The first site is on Lathers Street in the southeast section of the District. Bids for the school to be built on Lathers Street will be opened at a special meeting of the Board May 21 at 8:00 p.m. The alternate site is in the northeast section of the District.
AWARD CONTRACT
The Chaffee Roofing Company of Detroit was awarded the contract for the re-roofing of the Edgewood School. The work is expected to be done this summer. The Board also requested bids for the recovering of the floors of the two room elementary school. The flooring material to be used will be asphalt tile. The Board also authorized the receiving of bids for the leveling of the Edgewood School property.
Approval was given to a motion calling for the replacement of the (Continued on Page Eight)

Award Contract For Parking Areas At Schools

Includes Building Of Walks At New Schools
The Tanton Construction Company of Milford was awarded the contract for grading and construction of drives, parking areas and curbs at the Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road Schools at the regular meeting of the Farmington School Board, held Monday night at the high school.
The bids for grading at the Middlebelt and Ten Mile School had been opened at a previous meeting, but final decision had been held pending further information. The Tanton Company bid \$5,542.62 on the project. One other company presented a bid on the project.
CHANGE BID DATE
Sealed bids for the purchase of desks for the new Farmington High School to be constructed on Shilohwase near Orchard Lake Road will be received June 11 instead of June 4 as previously scheduled. Members indicated there was a conflict in activities which necessitated the change.
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, representatives of Thorne Sign Associates, (Continued on Page Eight)

Strike Halts Work On New Schools

The strike of A. F. of L. carpenters in the Oakland, Wayne and Genesee County area has halted work on the construction of the three elementary schools in the Farmington Township School District.
Although the strike is confined to carpenters, other construction workers are honoring their picket lines and are refusing to work. No workers reported to duty at the three schools under construction in the District. The schools affected are the new Ten Mile Elementary school and the Berry and Middlebelt School additions.
The work stoppage is a serious blow to the School District as workmen have been stepping up operations in the past few weeks in order to have the school ready for occupancy this fall. Superintendent O. E. Duckel stated that if the strike is a prolonged one, it is very doubtful that the schools will be ready by September. Only last week, at a special meeting of the Board, the contractors and architects reported that if work continued at the rate being making the past three weeks the schools would be ready for use with the opening of school this fall.
The strike, which began Friday, spread to the Farmington school projects on Monday. Also affected by the strike is much of the home building now in full swing throughout the Farmington area.

CUB PACK 45 PLANS PARENTS' NIGHT PROGRAM

Cub Pack 45 will hold a Thursday rally for adults on September 22, at the Ten Mile Road School beginning at 8:00 p.m. Pack officials announced this week.
Parents of boys from 8 to 12 years old are participating in a special program as plans for next year will be developed. It is the hope of officials that all of the leaders of the Pack will be selected by the coming year. The pack is recruiting men to serve as pack committee men and women to act as Den Mothers. Officials emphasized that no previous experience is necessary, and anyone with a real interest in boys is invited to share in this activity.
A movie entitled "Cubbing In The Home" will be shown. Farmington began last year with a total of 100 den members and finished the year with an enrollment of over one hundred boys.
The last Pack meeting of the (Continued on Page Eight)

Three Candidates File Petitions At Farmington, Two At Clarenceville

Contests are assured for the June 9 School Board Elections at both Farmington and Clarenceville. It was announced Saturday following the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions.
Three candidates have filed for the Farmington Township School District Board of Education with two to be elected. Those filing include Mrs. Chester Downing, 29870 Middlebelt Road; Delos Hamlin, 22261 Brookside; and Samuel Turner, 21559 Albion. Turner is present secretary of the Board and is seeking re-election. Curt Hall, president of the Board, did not file petitions. Both terms to be filled are for three years.
Two candidates have filed for the one vacancy on the Clarenceville Board of Education. They are Fred and Bailey, 21322 St. Francis Street, Farmington Township, and Robert F. Richert, 13227 Lathers, Livonia. Richert is now a member of the Board, having been appointed this spring to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas Wilson. The one candidate is to be elected for a three year term at Clarenceville.

Board Purchases New Fire Truck For Clarenceville

To Retain Old Truck As Auxiliary Tanker
The Farmington Township Board, by a close 11 to 7 vote, approved the purchase of an American LaFrance fire truck to be housed at the new fire station to be erected in the Clarenceville area.
According to the motion approved by the Board the cost of the unit was listed at \$7,577.42 plus the cost of the chassis. This price was based on the transfer of some of the equipment from the present front pump engine. Those voting for the motion were Blanchard, Goers, Tardy and Shafer. Those opposed to the motion were McCracken, Steele and Eagle. Steele indicated that he was not necessarily opposed to the purchase of the truck but felt that more time should be given to a second bid presented at the meeting. An earlier motion was made that the Township retain the present front pump engine as an auxiliary tank unit and that a new truck be purchased for the Clarenceville Fire Hall. This motion was approved by a six to one vote. Leo Hendryx was present at the meeting to discuss the present fire equipment owned by the Township. (Continued on Page Eight)

Falcon Nine Bows To Southfield 5-1

Farmington's Falcon baseball team failed to get back in the win column last Friday as they bowed to Southfield 5 to 1 in an Inter-Lake Conference game on the Southfield diamond.
Dave Wyman was the losing pitcher for Farmington. He allowed five runs and ten hits during the seven inning game. Staley (Continued on Page Eight)

Receives V.F.W. Auxiliary Citation



Receiving the V.F.W. Auxiliary Americanism Award is Ervin F. Plettenberg, right, veteran of World War I, who lost his sight as a result of service in Russia, China and Japan. The award was presented last Wednesday evening at the seventh birthday banquet of the V. F. W. Post and Auxiliary, Mrs. William Carpenter, left, is presenting the award to Plettenberg while Mrs. Plettenberg, center, looks on.
Ervin F. Plettenberg, sightless veteran of World War I, was awarded the Farmington V. F. W. Auxiliary Americanism Award at the Seventh Anniversary Dinner of Post V. F. W. Post 4032 and Auxiliary held last Wednesday evening in the Farmington Town Hall.
The presentation of the award was made by James Tagg following the dinner. Mr. Plettenberg, who lost his sight due to an explosion while serving with the Navy in (Continued on Page Eight)

started behind the plate and was relieved in the fifth inning by Delt. Farmington got only one run on seven hits during the game. Failure to hit with men on bases cost the Falcons the game.
Southfield got off to an early start, scoring one run in the first inning. The added a second run in the third which was enough to win, but just for good measure they poured across four runs in the fourth inning to sew up the game. Farmington's long run came in the fifth inning when Goodrich singled, moved to second on Staley's single, Spaller walked to lead off the bases and Goodrich was forced in with the run when Bradley was walked. However, the Falcons were unable to continue the rally.
Coach Bill Nuse said that Larry Fink, Falcon catcher who was injured several weeks ago, may be back in action this week. "This should help to bolster the team considerably," Nuse said. The Falcons have dropped five straight games after defeating Clarenceville in the opener.
Farmington will meet Waterford High School next Friday, May 16, in a game at Waterford.

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