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PLEASANT THOUGHTS . . . of cool northern breezes and sparkling lakes and streams keep running through our mind. Yes, you are probably right, the heat's got us, and who hasn't it got? But it is more than just the heat—it's these "wish-you-were-here" carns that keep floating across the desk, blown by a noisy old fan. They show snow-capped mountains, rolling ocean beaches and rippling streams, and on the other side they always have some joyful note about the cool weather and the wonderful time the same is having. We are glad they are having it, but we wish they wouldn't be quite so enthusiastic. If they would just put a word of pity in them, maybe that would help. We don't mind suffering a little as long as these lucky friends of ours out to the cool, wonderful by-ways know it and show a little feeling about it.

THE TRAFFIC . . . were supposed to have during the July 4 week end showed up last week end instead. Either they were just a week late or they were held up somewhere. Farmington police report that traffic was much heavier last week end than the week before, with cars backed up on Grand River almost to Seven Mile Road. The situation was just a little worse out to the west of town, with cars traveling in second gear for most of the distance between Novi and New Hudson. Another point the police noted this week is that more and more cars are showing up on alternate routes around Farmington. Yet in spite of this fact the volume of traffic continues to increase on Grand River. It's rough and it seems to be getting rougher.

THE CITY PARK . . . was a mighty popular place last Sunday as people sought an oasis to escape the heat. Cars lined the street alongside the park and the lot was filled. Picnickers found some new conveniences, too: A group of new charcoal stoves have been installed and of course the wading pool is filled to the brim again. We can be proud of our park and should be. It is a beautiful spot and it is right in our own back yard. It is hard to understand why anyone would want to demolish it but the City officials have been plagued for a number of years by vandals in the park. In fact, it has now become necessary to police the area in order to preserve its beauty for others to enjoy. It is a wonderful addition to our community, let's keep it that way.

DOING HER PART . . . is teen-ager Irene Clark of Fourteen Mile Road. Last week Irene took over the baby sitting duties for Mrs. Elichoff, off of Fourteen Mile Road, so that she could attend an air spotter training meeting. When Mrs. Elichoff returned, Irene refused to give any money for the baby sitting, saying, "I have got to do my part, too!" Are you doing your part? If Irene can, so can you! More men are urgently needed for the Farmington Air Spotter Station, which is now on 24-hour duty. In fact, 20 more men are needed right now. Are you ready to follow the example set by this little girl? Are you ready to help your friends and your community? Volunteer your services now!

GRASS FIRES . . . have become a major problem again for Farmington residents and firemen. Last week end the old fire sirea really got a work-out. It sounded more like April than July. Most of the trouble stems from that very fact. Most of us don't think of July as being particularly dry, but as far as grass fires are concerned, it is. With the lack of rain, our fields are like tinder and they will catch quickly if we don't use caution. So watch that burning paper, and rubbish — keep it under control and don't leave it until every particle is burned out. Remember every time that fire engine goes out it costs money, tax money. So watch those fires!

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to the members of the Farmington Little League All-Star team. They have won their positions by hard work and against plenty of opposition. Congratulations to all the players who have had their chances in the play-offs leading to possible competition in the Little League World Series. In the few short weeks that the Farmington Little League has been in operation, these boys have made a great progress in their desire your support and your interest. There are a plenty of diamonds in the rough, and some of them are diamonds and they should be filled to overflowing every night. The spirit and enthusiasm of these youngsters is terrific, not to mention their playing ability. Let's give 'em a hand, they deserve it.

JUST TO KEEP IT FRESH . . . in your mind, you and your neighbors have a very important date on Tuesday, August 5. It may seem like a long way away but it will be here before you know it. You may not think of it, but you can think of it to mark it down. If you haven't guessed it already, August 5 is Primary Election Day in the Farmington community and throughout the State of Michigan. You have completed a wonderful registration record, but it becomes rather meaningless unless you turn it into a successful voting record. It is up to you, and it is up to everyone who will do their part. So jot that date down right now . . . and vote August 5.

Youngsters Plan Detroit Zoo Visit

A group of youngsters from the Clarenceville playbands will visit the Detroit Zoo this Friday under the sponsorship of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission. The group is confined to children 11 years old and over. Joe Markell stated that 110 children from 6 to 10 years old made the trip to the Detroit Zoo last Friday. Next Friday, July 25, the youngsters 6 to 10 years old will visit Greenfield Village. Buses will leave Clarenceville High School and Edgewood playgrounds at about 10 a.m. There will be a fee of 30¢ charged.

A special baby contest will be held at the Edgewood playground on Friday. Awards will be presented to the winning baby in various classifications, such as walking, sitting up, dress and other contests. Wanda Barnes, playground director, is in charge of the contest. She is also conducting all of the arts and crafts and dancing at the playground. Markell emphasized that only one swimming trip is being made on Tuesdays. Baton writing classes are at attracting record enrollments with 35 students participating.

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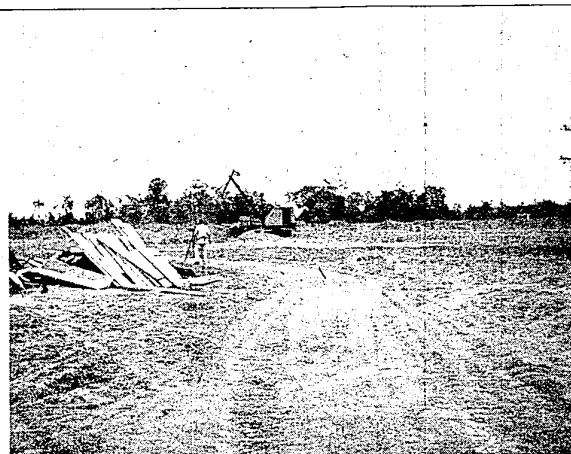
CITY TO DISCUSS PLANNING AT MEETING MONDAY

Possible formation of a planning group for the City of Farmington will be one of the main topics of discussion at the next regular meeting of the City Council to be held Monday evening at the Municipal Building. August 12. Members of the Council have been asked to submit a suggested list of personnel for the proposed planning commission at the July 21 meeting. Councilman Cavanaugh was directed by the Council at their last meeting to make an investigation of the planning question and submit a report at the next meeting on Monday evening meeting.

NOVI ELECTS TWO BOARD MEMBERS IN SCHOOL VOTE

James D. Mitchell and Jack Crawford were elected to the School District No. 8 Novi Township Board of Education at the annual election held Monday. Mitchell received 51 votes; Crawford, 37 votes. There were two candidates to be elected for terms of three years each. Mitchell is secretary of the present Board.

PRESENT PROGRESS REPORT ON NEW GRADE SCHOOLS



CLEARING THE WAY for the new 22 classroom Farmington High School is this big steam shovel in the background as well as a couple of bulldozers and a fleet of trucks. Ground was broken for the new building last week. The top soil is now being skimmed off and some excavation work has been started. According to the contract awarded by the Board, the building is to be completed by July of 1953 and will be ready for use in September. In addition to regular classrooms, the building will contain shop, homemaking and science rooms, library and study hall and music rooms as well as a kitchen and cafeteria. The building is being built on Shawasssee Street just west of Orchard Lake Road.

City Starts Survey Of Proposed Sewage System

Must Secure State OK For Wayne Tie-In

Tie-in of the proposed Farmington City sewage system into the Wayne County drain is dependent upon approval of the state, according to the City Manager, stated Tuesday.

Tennant made the statement following a conference with Albert Kunze of the Wayne County Drain Commission. Kunze stated that the treatment plant which the Farmington system would be tied into is already overloaded. However, plans are now being made to increase plant, which is located near Lola Valley Park.

Connection with the Wayne County system is one of several plans being explored by the city in accordance with its intention to construct some type of a sewage treatment system. Plans on the proposed system must be filed with the state by March of 1953 and the system is to be completed by June of 1954.

SECURE COSTS

Tennant added that the City Engineer has been requested to make a comparative cost survey of the interceptor plan and the complete self-contained treatment system. This will provide the Council with information on which plans so that a sound decision can be reached. If the interceptor tie-in is found to be more satisfactory, a request to use the Wayne County system will have to be made to the state.

Contractor States That Buildings Will Be Ready For Use This Fall

In a progress report on the construction of the three new elementary school units, the Farmington Board was informed by W. J. Howard and Sons Construction Company that work is being rushed on the buildings and that they would probably be sufficiently completed for use by September.

The report was made during the regular meeting of the Board held Monday evening at the Farmington High School. Lynn Smith, representing Eberle Smith, Associates, and a representative of W. J. Howard and Sons appeared before the Board to discuss the construction progress. According to the architect, the Middlebelt School addition is 35% completed with 75% of the time elapsed, the Bond School addition is 50% completed with 75% of the time gone and the new Ten Mile Road School is 65% completed with 75% of the time elapsed. According to the present plan, the buildings will be ready for use by September.

Start Construction On New Schools At Clarenceville

Actual ground breaking operations for the new 13 classroom elementary school on Laffers Street began Friday while the school addition Monday morning. Eberle Smith Associates for the construction of an addition to the field house at the Clarenceville High School. According to the plans, the addition is to be 16 feet by 27 feet and will provide more shower space, better heating facilities and additional storage space.

BREAK GROUND FOR TWO NEW BUILDINGS

Authorization was given by the Board for the purchase of a 40-foot lot fronting on Colwell, south of the present Edgewood Elementary School property. The lot is being purchased to square up the property so that there will be an equal amount of frontage on both Colwell and St. Francis.

The Board accepted the proposal of the McKinnon Company to install oil burners and other necessary equipment in the high school building.

HEARING ON OXFORD STREET PROJECT SET FOR JULY 22

A public hearing on the establishment of a special assessment district for the grading and surfacing of Oxford Street from Grand River to Independence will be held Tuesday, July 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall.

Purpose of the meeting is to hear any objections to the project from the property owners affected. The project, if approved, would be paid for by the property owners abutting on that section of the street to be black topped, on a special assessment basis.

Final Report On New Registrations In Township Show 1,090 Total

Increase Brings Complete Township Registration List To 5,219 With City Increased To 1,500

A total of 1090 new registrations were recorded in Farmington Township during the registration period that ended last week, according to final figures released this week by Harry McCracken, Township Clerk.

This is far above the original estimate given by officials last Monday evening. It was announced at that time that because of the heavy registration it would be several days before an exact figure could be given. Extra personnel had to be employed the last few days to handle the large number of residents who wished to register. McCracken stated that with the new registrations, there are now 5,219 persons registered in the township out of an estimated population of over 11,000. This is believed to bring the registration near the 100% mark. The breakdown of registrations in the four precincts of the Township is as follows: Precinct One, 960; Precinct Two, 1,724; Precinct Three, 1723 and Precinct Four, 512.

CITY WATER BILLS HIT RECORD HIGH FOR PERIOD

Farmington City officials reported this week that the total water bill for the quarter ending June 30, 1952, is the largest yet recorded for a similar period.

Water bills for the quarter amount to \$5,750. It is estimated by officials that the total for the year 1952-53 will be approximately \$25,000 compared to \$22,000 during the year 1951-52.

The increase during the spring quarter is due somewhat to the unusually warm weather in late May and June. However, the principal increase is believed due to the increased number of users, better collection system and more efficiency in the department. City employees are now handling all of the water meter repairs, except major overhauling.

Residents Aid Police Round Up Escaped Convicts

Two 19-year-old Ionia Reformatory escapees were captured in Farmington Township last Thursday. They are John D. Sands, serving a two-and-a-half to five year sentence for auto theft, and Calvin Solomon, an Indian, serving a one to fifteen year term for breaking and entering.

According to Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt, the pair were approaching the back door of the Victor Rust residence at 28300 Halsted when Mrs. Rust, alone in the house, became suspicious and called Farmington City Police. Telling Mrs. Rust to keep the phone off the hook, Chief DeVriendt directed Township Police Officer Irving Yakes to the scene. The convicts, unknapped and tired, asked for water. Yakes arrested them at the scene and captured Sands. Solomon ran into the woods. It was 2:30 p.m.

F.A.R.C. Schedules Trip This Friday

Highlight of this week's activities at the Farmington playgrounds will be a trip to Greenfield Village scheduled for this Friday, Don Hossler, director, announced Tuesday.

The trip will include only those children who have completed at least the third grade of school. Buses will leave the various playgrounds at approximately 9 a.m. and will return at about 1:30 p.m. Tickets for children 11 years of age and under will be 15¢ for children 12 years and over. One dollar for any adult who wishes to attend 50¢.

14 Players Named Little League All-Stars To Represent Farmington In Birmingham Play-Offs

Fourteen players have been selected from the various Farmington Little League teams to represent Farmington in the first round of the play-offs to be held July 24, 25 and 26 at Birmingham, Alabama.

The following boys were unanimously named to the Farmington All Star team by the four team managers: Jim Hanson, Yanks; Dave Gatterman, Yanks; Bob H. Yank, Yanks; Tom Grimsbah, Yanks; Dick Hannah, Yanks; Bob Hug, Cubs; Roy Tomple, Cubs; Curt Love, Cards; Cliff Simmons, Cards; Fred Bussner, Cards; Mike Jenner, Tigers; Ross Byron, Tigers; Larry Lynch, Tigers; and Allen Sage, Tigers. Alternates are Harvey Chapman, Cards, and Mike Conway, Cards. Ted Chairman, president of the Farmington Little League, stated that there was no regulation that the players must be selected for the position they played during the regular season. If a pitcher is a good outfielder or infielder, he can be placed on the roster and used wherever the manager of the team desires. Tournament managers will be Ted Smith and Babe Bacon.

Team standings in the Little League as of Tuesday night were: Yanks, won 6 and lost 4; Tigers, won 5 and lost 5; Cards, won 5 and lost 5; Cubs, won 5 and lost 6. The Cubs won a double header Saturday afternoon, trimming the Tigers 5 to 4 in the first and 6 to 4 in the second. Roy Tomple was the winning pitcher in the first game, striking out 12 batters. Charles Thompson was on the mound at the nightcap.

Air Spotter Post On 24-Hour Duty

Farmington air spotters began their 24-hour watch Monday morning at the new ground observation station in the tower of The Lansing Engine Company plant located on Orchard Lake Road just south of 13 Mile Road.

Thomas Tardy, director of the post, stated that to date 88 men and women have volunteered for duty at the station. A schedule has been set up whereby each volunteer stands watch for three hours each week. However, if additional personnel can be secured this may be lightened somewhat.

George McLaughlin, chief spotter, stated that approximately 50 more men were needed at the post. Approximately 36 men have volunteered at the present time. The women's branch of the post has approximately 50 members. Under the plan established by the post the women will serve during the day with the men taking the night duty. The hours are 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on through for 24 hours.

There are now openings for Saturdays and Sundays. Persons who wish to volunteer are requested to call MAYfair 6-3059 or MAYfair 6-3063.

Women Air Spotters Gather For Organization Meeting



Farmington is believed to be the first community in the state to organize women for air spotter duty. These volunteers gathered at the home of Mrs. George McLaughlin, 32210 Fourteen Mile Road last week for an organization meeting preparatory to the opening of the Ground Observation Station for 24-hour duty. The women will man the station during the day, and the men at night. Mrs. McLaughlin, bottom row, extreme right, is in charge of the women's branch of the station. She is being assisted by Mrs. Fred Leach, bottom row extreme left. Additional men volunteers are still urgently needed. Persons who wish to serve are asked to call either MAYfair 6-3059 or MAYfair 6-3063.