



AROUND THE BLOCK

SOMETHING DIFFERENT . . . came to the Farmington area this past week and as far as the weather is concerned. The only trouble is that it didn't help the heat situation a bit — in fact, it made it just a little worse. The same old heat went on being felt during the week-end last Sunday. Although we have had rains this summer, they were more sprinkles compared to what happened Sunday. There was water, water everywhere but not a cool breeze in the lot. Flooded basements, washed out roads and disrupted power lines were the only result. Yes, we got just about everything this summer, mostly heat and humidity . . . and yet this is Michigan and who knows what can happen?

ANOTHER "WIFE HOURS" . . . was held by the City Council Monday night at the Municipal Building. The meeting actually broke up at about 2:00 a.m. with several items still to go on the agenda. Near the close of the meeting it was suggested that two meetings per month be held instead of one. However, it was decided to attempt to follow the agenda more closely and to cut down visitor discussion while still giving everyone an opportunity to be heard. We believe it is wise to follow this plan. It may be the answer. However, we still believe that two meetings a month should be set up. It has been adopted by the Township Board. Some committees around us. Regardless of the final solution, some action is badly needed, as the Council members can not properly conduct their business when the meetings run until the early morning hours.

THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC . . . on Grand River was right up to normal last week end . . . normal is jammed up in pretty good shape. In fact, a somewhat new situation developed this past week end which we haven't noticed before. The traffic was packing up after going through the traffic light at Grand River and Farmington Road. It seemed to be fairly open east of the light but a number of cars were forced to stop across the intersection because of congestion to the west. Police also report that more and more traffic is using 12 Mile Road and other alternate routes. This is the result of the traffic light being turned off on Grand River in spite of this. We have mentioned this situation repeatedly not to bore you, but to point up the growing need for some action to ease the situation.

YES, YOU GUESSED IT . . . you are going to say a word or two about you and your ballot. We believe it is our solemn responsibility to talk and talk and write and write about voting, and we will continue to talk and write about it until that 100% goal has been reached. As you as an individual citizen of this community and this nation have an obligation that can not be idly passed off. You as a citizen should be ready and willing to practice democracy every chance you get, because it has given us the way of life we enjoy, and with vigilance will continue to do so. On August 5, you are expected to vote in the General Primary Election. Don't let anybody down, including yourself!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . . of the news this week is the growing excitement among the youngsters of the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation and Summer Band programs in anticipation of the Annual Bob-Lo Boat Trip set for August 1. It will be a big day for the kids and a few grown-ups, too. Tickets are on sale at the various playgrounds and it goes very fast. As you are measuring up the tickets, you'll be around too long. Cruising around the lake is a wonderful way to spend a day in itself, but when you have a lot of exciting things to do on the island besides, well — you just can't miss it. So you had better get those tickets now and then get set for a real time.

SPEAKING OF YOUNGSTERS . . . we have another bunch of them you don't want to forget about. They will be representing our community this Friday afternoon at the Birmingham Little League All-Stars and you all know them. They are the Farmington Little League All-Stars and all fourteen of them, along with their managers, will be out there putting everything they've got into the game. But we have an idea that a rousing cheering crowd will be there to help them. The game is on at 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 25, at St. James Field on Edgewood Street in Birmingham. Let's give these boys a real hand in their bid for a chance to play in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

THAT FIRE SIREN . . . has been pleasantly quiet during the past week after the far too frequent wail of the week before. The rain undoubtedly was a major contributor, but the big rain the siren was before the rain was by its silence. We hope, as we know you do, that the siren will continue its silence. However, don't let the rain lull you into complacency, because the fields dry up quickly under the burning sun we have at present. So be careful all the time when burning rubbish. Watch it while it is burning and don't leave it until it is out!

Playgrounds Draw More Youngsters

With still four more weeks to go, enrollment in the Clarenceville Recreation and Summer Band programs has doubled the total set for last summer. Children of the Clarenceville School District are still being invited to register and participate in the balance of the program.

A trip to Greenfield Village is scheduled for this Friday, July 25. Children six through ten years are eligible to make the trip. The bus will leave the playgrounds at 10 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m. The fee for the trip will be 30c.

Due to rain the Baby Contest scheduled for the Edgewood playground last Friday was postponed to Thursday afternoon, July 23. Mrs. Wanda Barnes, supervisor at the Edgewood playground, (Continued on Page Ten)

Farmington Completes School Bond Sale

Bonds of the Farmington Township School District totaling \$850,000, have been turned over to the bond buyers and the money received, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the proceeds of the District last week and signed by the Board officials. As soon as the signing was completed the money was turned over to the bond buyers and the money was received.

The \$850,000 issue was the second portion of the \$1,750,000 total approved by the voters of the District.

SUMMER BAND PROGRAM TO OPEN THIS MONDAY

Farmington Summer Band and band twirling classes will start Monday, July 28, for all students from beginners to advanced, Lloyd Smith, Farmington band director, announced this week.

Markell advised that far the second year the band program has doubled the total set for last summer. Children of the Clarenceville School District are still being invited to register and participate in the balance of the program.

Classes will begin at 9 a.m. in the Farmington Band House and will continue until noon. Band music activities will commence at 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and Middlebelt School classes will start at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rehearsals will be held at the Band House at 7:15 p.m. Thursday. The Senior Band has received a preliminary bid to attend the University of Michigan Band Day during the Indiana Michigan football game at Ann Arbor.

The annual Band and Recreation Boat Trip to Bob-Lo Island is scheduled for Friday, August 1. Students of the Instrumental Department, students in the recreation program, parents and friends will make the trip. Groups from Clarenceville, Livonia and Milford also will make the trip.

Fremont Answer Minor Grass Fire Alarm

The Farmington Township Fire Department answered a minor grass fire alarm at 23405 Tulane Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The fire was extinguished.

The Fremont reported that the fire had continued for another half hour it would have endangered new houses being constructed in the area. Cause of the grass fire, which started in the middle of a field, was undetermined.

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RESIDENTS PROTEST HEAVY TRUCKING IN FLORAL PARK

Farmington Little League All-Stars Ready For Play-Offs



Farmington's Little League All-Stars line up in front of the scoreboard after an active work-out last Saturday afternoon for a look at their new Polaroid Land Camera. (These boys, along with their managers, will carry Farmington's colors into the first round of the Little League Play-Offs to be held in Birmingham on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26. The Little League All-Stars are lined up as follows: Bottom row, Harvey Chapman, Allen LaSage, Bob Utley, Dick Hamann; second row, Larry Lynch, Cliff Simons, Fred Buesser, Roy Tompkins, Ross Byron; top row, Manager Jabe Bacon, Bob Hug, Dave Catherman, Curt Love, Jim Hanson, Mike Benner and Ted Smith, Manager. The Farmington All-Stars will meet the Birmingham Nationals on Friday afternoon, July 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Board Approves Roll For Oxford Street Project

Hear Objections At Public Hearing

The final step in the establishment of a special assessment district for the black-topping of Oxford Street from Grand River to Water Street, approved Tuesday evening at a special hearing held in the Town Hall.

By unanimous vote the Township Board approved a motion to accept the assessment roll for the district. The Board acted on the assessment roll after hearing objections from a number of persons present at the public hearing. The estimated cost for each lot affected by the entire project has been set at \$12,933. However, set bids will be secured on the blacktopping and curbs before a contract is awarded.

A number of oral statements were filed with the Board registering objections from persons unable to attend the meeting. Blanchard questioned whether the statements would open their bid on the period by the people affected. According to Blanchard, this will reduce some of the cost and will speed the project. Persons have the right to pay the entire cost all at one time if they wish, thus eliminating the interest.

TRANSFER LICENSES

At the regular meeting of the Board, which was held following the Oxford Street hearing, the transfer of licenses was discussed. (Continued on Page Ten)

City Studies Possible Restrictions On Trucks Using Secondary Streets

Possible restriction of heavy trucking on secondary streets in the City of Farmington was discussed at the regular meeting of the Council held Monday evening.

The question came before the Council when a group of residents from the Floral Park section filed a petition with the City requesting that the Mather Trucking Company, 30777 Shilwaukee, be prohibited from using Shilwaukee and other residential streets in the Floral Park area. It was suggested that they use the eastern outlet to their property along Shilwaukee.

Water Street spokesman for the Floral Park group, presented the petitions which he said contained 33 signatures. He stated that the trucks kept people along Shilwaukee and adjacent areas awake after 5 p.m. that they were deteriorating property values, causing damage to homes, endangering lives of school children. He added that efforts had been made to work out an agreement with the Mather Company, but they were unable to do so.

Sylvester Pheny, attorney for the Mather Company, stated that the trucking firm was in the area before most of the residents moved there and before the annexation of the Floral Park section into the city. He stated that they must have been aware of the situation before they purchased their property. He read a detailed auditor's report on the estimated additional cost to the Company if they had to use the eastern outlet of Shilwaukee to Nine Mile Road. This additional cost, according to Pheny, would be extremely high.

BULLETIN

Marlo Clark, Clerk of the City of Livonia, notified The Enterprise Wednesday noon that the property owners requesting permission to lease the property for a dump have withdrawn their petition. A copy of the withdrawal letter is on file in the office of the Livonia City Clerk.

Eight Mile Road and Seven Mile Road. It would be approximately 100 feet from the site of the new Clarenceville elementary school on Lathers Street and about 500 feet from the Central Grade School.

The petitions were circulated at a rally held Tuesday evening at the Clarenceville High School. The meeting was sponsored by the newly created Northwest Livonia Taxpayers and Voters Association. Stanley Rudzinski, 19647 Angling Road, was elected president of the group at its organization meeting held Sunday. A large delegation of property owners from Section 1 of the City of Livonia, as well as property owners throughout that area, held a meeting Monday evening outside of the City Council. (Continued on Page Ten)

Expect Heavy Vote In Primary Election To Be Held August 5

Township Voters To Cast Ballots At Four Precinct Locations, City Voters At Town Hall

Farmington City and Township residents are expected to go to the polls in record numbers Tuesday, August 5, to nominate County, State and District candidates in the General Primary Election. Record registration in both the township and city is the main basis for predicting a large vote on August 5. Township registrations now total 5,219 while the city has a total registration of 1,500. Officials were swamped during the closing days of the registration period as residents flocked in to register.

Voters will go to the polls to nominate candidates from the various political parties to run in the November Presidential Election. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated: County Judge of Probate, Lieutenant Governor, U. S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative; County Judge of Probate, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Circuit Court Commissioner, Drain Commissioner and Surveyor. Voters will also elect delegates to the various county political conventions.

POLLING PLACES

City voters will cast their ballots on Tuesday, August 5, at the Farmington Town Hall, Township residents will vote in their respective precincts. Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Town Hall, Precinct Two voters at the Old Federal Hill, Inlander Road, Precinct Three voters at the Middlebelt School and Precinct Four voters at the Bond School. The polls in both the city and township will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Storm Sunday Causes Marked Damage In Area

The heaviest storm of the season hit the Farmington area suddenly Sunday afternoon, flooding streets and basements and tearing down power and telephone lines.

The electrical storm was followed by heavy rains which struck the area about noon. It then cleared for a short time and hit again later in the afternoon. City officials reported that they received a number of calls concerning flooded areas. Police reported washouts on Maple Street near the Cut-Off and at the corner of Vaukney and Leikewey Streets.

Bell Telephone Company officials stated that approximately 300 lines were reported downed by the wind and lightning. Emergency crews were called out immediately to repair the damage. Detroit Edison Company officials also had emergency crews on duty.

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Penalty for failure to appear within seven days on such a violation will remain at \$2.00. The previous fine for parking meter violations, if paid within the seven-day period, was \$1.00. Penalties that abated of the nonpaid fine has necessitated the increase.

Clarenceville May Get Federal Aid

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Launch Campaign City Police To Step Up Patrolling Activities On Residential Streets

"Now Take It Easy" is the advice being issued this week by the Farmington City Police Department as it launches a renewed campaign against speeding on Grand River and secondary city streets.

Joseph DeVriendt, police chief, stated that more intensive patrolling would be started. The chief emphasized that this is not an attempt to make Farmington a "speed trap" but only to insure greater safety to drivers and pedestrians.

DeVriendt stated that a re-arrangement of the personnel schedule would be made to meet the increased problems of traffic which have developed this summer. He added that special enforcement would be placed on the patrolling of secondary city streets. A great many complaints have been received from residents regarding speeding on these streets. A number of complaints have also been received in connection with the speeding of truck on Grand River.

The Police Chief urges that all citizens of the city and those in the surrounding area that use city streets cooperate in making this safety campaign a success. "The traffic laws of the city are designed to save lives and prevent accidents, and we are here to see that they are enforced," DeVriendt said. He added that every citizen should be interested in his own safety and the safety of others, and that this can only be accomplished through cooperation.

The safety program is being emphasized at this time because of the tremendous increase in traffic on all city streets.

More Air Spotter Volunteers Needed

Farmington's Ground Observation Station has successfully completed its first week of operation on a 24-hour basis, Mr. Thomas Tardy, director of the post, stated this week.

It is estimated that the station was in full operation about 85% of the time during the first week, which is above average for the state. It is expected that in another week it will be 100%.

A few more men volunteers are needed to man the post during the late evening and early morning hours. Women volunteers are manning the station during the day.

Tardy stated that the post wishes to publicly express its appreciation to the Leading Engine Company for providing the facilities at their plant for the observation post. Air spotters are using the tower of the Leading Engine Company on Orchard Lake Road for (Continued on Page Ten)

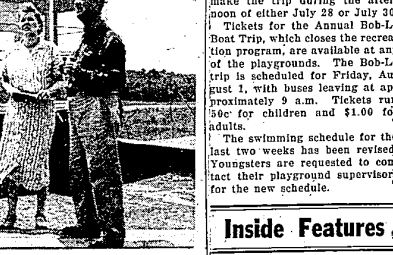
F. A. R. C. Lists Special Activities

Plans for the next two weeks of the Farmington Summer Recreation Club include an all-day picnic, two trips over the Nature Trail at Kensington Park and the Annual Boat Trip to Bob-Lo. The annual Farmington and Bond playground youngsters held at Kensington Park on July 25. Activities will include swimming, games and contests, with prizes being awarded to the winners. Two boys and the Farmington and Bond playground youngsters being picked up at 9 a.m. and returned at 4 p.m.

The two nature trips will be made over the 2 1/2 mile trail at Kensington Park and will be guided by a naturalist provided by the Park. Noble and William Grace playground youngsters will make the trip on Monday, July 28, with bus pick-up set for 9 a.m. The Farmington - Bond group will make the trip during the afternoon of Friday, July 25, with bus pick-up at 10 a.m. and returned at 4 p.m.

The swimming schedule for the last two weeks has been revised. Youngsters are requested to contact their playground supervisors for the new schedule.

Operation Skywatch In Action



Scanning the skies from the lofty Farmington Air Spotter Station are, left to right, Thomas Tardy, director of the post; Mrs. Josephine Hines and George McLaughlin, chief spotter. The station was in operation during the week-end beginning Monday, July 24. Officials expressed satisfaction with the first week's operation, although additional men are needed to handle the early morning and late evening shifts. The Farmington Air Spotter Station is located on top of the Leading Engine Company plant on Orchard Lake Road. The enclosed tower in the background is the headquarters which houses the phone and records. It is also used by the spotters during inclement weather.



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