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Around The Block

IS THAT... as high as the thermostat will go? Old Man Winter put his icy fingers on us a week and for sure, but we have some encouraging news. Shortly before the Great Snow of 1949, one of these futuristic caterpillars a man was talking about a white back in one of our big national news magazines. We are cheered, but not warmed, to report the brown bands around this bug were of the wide variety, which, according to experts, means we shall have a mild winter. So regardless of how deep the snow gets, or how slippery the ice is, just remember what we said. We're going to have a mild winter. Question: what does "mild" mean?

EVIDENTLY... there's a couple more of those general terms. One of the most beautifully general and entirely misleading terms in the entire English language is that little four letter gem, "they". So often we hear "Why don't they?" or "They ought to," and similar references to that omniscient "they". There are very, very same kind of "they" we can't help thinking references to this "they" are pretty meaningless. In this nation and in this community, there is no "they". "They" are you and me. The "they" we hear complaints of is nothing more nor less than the man next door and the one across the street. Right now we can give you some examples of what we mean. There are a few misguided individuals in the city who are trying to explain and interest the rest of the community in the proposed change to city manager government. There are equally civic minded individuals in the township trying to explain and interest the rest of the community in zoning. And yet there are some who complain about the committees are going to be a lack of interest. Yet, we call them "they" because that matters are the folks who drop the ballots in the boxes. And that's every individual in the community.

THERE IS ONE... man who is really appreciated come winter. That's the fellow down at the service station. Known during the warmer months only as Phil Rupp, the fellow takes on great stature in our way of thinking right after the first cold snap. The thermometer can hold its nose and jump, and all the procrastinating drivers in the town come limping into his station for anti-freeze, but it doesn't rattle him. There wasn't a gas station in town last Friday morning that wasn't doing a land office business in anti-freeze and similar cold weather needs. We have a kind of spot in our heart for the fellow with deep freeze fingers. In this numb nose who divorces us from a clinging snowbank, or makes room for just a little more alcohol by crawling under and draining the radiator of our Durand. (Gets any colder and we'll have to put up the snow curtains.) Yep, most of the year he's just the fellow who fills up the tank. But come winter, he's the best friend we ever had.

BUSY DAYS... and nights are ahead for Farmingtonites. As Christmas and a lot of other things precipitate, Farmingtonites are going to be busy folks in the next four weeks. City dwellers have a lot of things to do so they can decide who they want to draw up the rules of the game for the city on January 2. There's a Citizens Committee meeting December 7 for them. And township residents aren't being left alone either—on Tuesday, December 12. The folk in the township will have another chance to learn a lot more about zoning and how it would get along with their township. All this, remember, is in addition to the normal Christmas activity. There's plenty of that, too; and we'll have our share down at "The Enterprise." You'll be seeing Christmas shopping bargains aplenty in our pages, as don't miss a single one of them. And, too, get in early with that copy if you can. Those last press runs are going to be awful crowded between now and Christmas.

ALL READY, YET... there's talk going around about what Dame Fashion will wear come spring. Here winter is just upon us, and plots are being made for the annual separation of the budget and paycheck. Blue shoes, we hear, will be all the rage this spring. Last year's brown ones, or bright red ones, are being worn again, as don't miss a single one of them. And, too, get in early with that copy if you can. Those last press runs are going to be awful crowded between now and Christmas.

RIGHT QUICK... here, basketball season is about to start. Once again the boys in the shiny costumes will romp up and down a hardwood floor to see who can put a skinful of air through a basket most often. Maybe it's because we're growing older and gradually shriveling up, but it strikes us that the boys in high school are getting longer between the strokes of the feet and the top of the head. It just doesn't seem like they grow taller. They just seem to get taller. As the mid-aged spectator said while watching the cheerleaders at a basketball game last season, "Either they just didn't grow like that when I went to high school, or I didn't get these glasses soon enough."

Icy Roads Cause Minor Accidents

City and Township police were swamped over the week end as icy roads and snow resulted in a score of minor traffic accidents in the Farmington area. The major accidents were reported in the City on Friday, November 24. Lester Evert, 39575 West Nine Mile Road, was treated for cuts following an accident at Nine Mile and Grand River. The accident occurred when a car driven by Evert and one driven by Harold Horton, Jr., of 35929 Angling Road, collided at the intersection at about 8:43 p.m. In another accident Friday morning, a truck driven by William S. Mineau, 17625 Glastonbury, Detroit, veered off a utility pole on Grand River and Grand River. The driver avoided a car spinning on the icy pavement. Mineau was not injured. The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. Two cars and a truck were involved in an accident on Grand River Friday morning in front of the Smith-Berling garage. The cars and truck piled up as a result of the slippery pavement. The accident occurred at 9:45 a.m. Friday. No one was injured in the accident.

Phillip Kemppainen, Township Police Officer, stated that Grand River between Zeeb and the intersection of the cut-off was a snarl of traffic Friday night. He stated that cars and trucks piled up at the bottom of the hills west of Farmington due to the ice and snow on the pavement. Police halted cars at the top of the hills until the traffic was cleared. He added that 12 Mile Road was closed during the evening as were most of the side roads.

Clarenceville Scout Gets Highest Award
Kenneth Swarthout, Clarenceville Boy Scout, was presented with the Beaver Scout award by the Boy Scouts of America. The award is given to a Scout who has made a significant contribution to the community. Swarthout, 16, of 2520 11th Street, Farmington, Michigan, was presented with the award at a meeting held November 16 at the Farmington Elks Lodge. The presentation of the award was made by Dr. C. B. Lundy, chairman of the awards committee. The award was presented to Swarthout by the Farmington Elks Lodge. Swarthout is a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge. He is a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge. He is a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge.



FALCON CAGERS line up under the basket in preparation for their first game, of the 1950-51 basketball season this Friday night on the Plymouth High School floor. These seven Falcons will see action against Plymouth in the opening game of a rugged 16 game schedule which will run through the month of February.

Couch Robert Hutton put his Falcon cagers through their finishing practice drills this week in preparation for the opening game of the 1950-51 Farmington basketball season. From left to right: Hutton, forward; Art Olson, forward; Jim Bates, (Captain) forward; Dick Tyler, center; Don Bunge, guard; and Jerry Plum, guard. Smokey Aschen-Brenner, last year's letterman, will not see action until January due to a back injury.

19 Candidates File Petitions For City Charter Group

City voters will elect nine Charter Commissioners from a field of at least 19 candidates when they go to the polls January 2 in the second of a series of three elections. The Charter Commission will be the governing body for the city of Farmington. The candidates for the Charter Commission are: Ernest Hickman, chairman of the Citizens Committee; Art Olson; Jim Bates; Dick Tyler; Don Bunge; Jerry Plum; and Harry Moore. The Citizens Committee is the group that has been working to bring about a city charter for Farmington.

Falcon Basketball Team To Open Season Friday Night At Plymouth

High School, Tuesday evening, December 5, in the second game of the season. Tuesday's game will be played at the Farmington. Farmington has eight games slated in December for one of the heaviest schedules in Falcon history. The first game is against Plymouth on Friday night. The second game is against River Rouge, state tournament contenders last year. Farmington will play 16 games during the 1950-51 season. Eight games will be played at Farmington and eight away. Ten of the 16 contests are Inter-Lakes Conference games. The regular season will end February 23.

UNITED FUND DRIVE TOTAL NEARS 60% OF QUOTA

Additional collections in the past week by volunteer solicitors has swelled the Farmington United Fund total to \$4,489.33. It was announced this week. The drive was turned in during the past week by solicitors. There are still a number of follow-up contacts to be made, although the house to house canvass for the drive is now complete. The drive represents almost 60% of the 1950 quota of \$7,500. The amount of money now in also represents approximately the same amount collected in last year's drive. The year's quota is approximately twice that of last year. Anyone desiring to contribute to the Farmington United Fund and to the United Fund of Michigan should mail their contribution to Mr. John Hunt, c/o United Fund, 33709 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, Michigan. Contributions may also be sent to The Farmington Enterprise, Box 230. Checks should be made out to "The United Fund."

Post Office To Open Saturday Afternoons Beginning December 9

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Township To Spread Gravel On County Roads In Area

SUNDAY'S SLEET SILENCES SOUND OF CITY'S SIREN

Firemen got a frosty call to a fire Sunday afternoon. They had to be summoned to a fire at 21377 Grand River. The fire was extinguished by the time they arrived. The fire broke out in boxes piled near an overheated floor furnace. The structure was not damaged by the fire. According to firemen, failure of the siren to blow happens only in severe conditions. A hard winter several years ago also caused it to fail. High winds and accompanying sleet were blamed for Sunday's failure. The noisemaker was thawed and cleaned by firemen and left in running condition.

Board Works Out Cooperative Plan With County On Road Repair

Approximately 5,000 yards of gravel is to be spread on County Roads in Farmington Township. It was announced last Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Township Board. The agreement between the Township and Oakland County Road Commission was announced by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor. Under the plan, the County will furnish the gravel and the Township will haul and spread it under the supervision of the County. The gravel will be used to fill bad spots in county roads throughout the township. It is expected that the gravel will be put on as soon as the weather permits. The special assistance district has been set up for the grading, graveling and the construction of culverts on Sunnyside Street from 8 Mile Road to 5 1/2 Mile Road. A petition bearing the names of 65% of the owners of land on the street has been filed with the Township Board. Under the special assessment plan each property owner is assessed for the road work.

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Farmington Residents Urged To Buy 1950 T. B. Christmas Seals

Christmas Seals were mailed out last week to residents of the Farmington area, according to Howard Griffin, Farmington member of the Board of Trustees of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association. A total of over 50,000 families in Oakland County will receive 1950 Christmas Seals. These seals offer an opportunity to help in the conquering of the most dangerous "catching disease"—tuberculosis. The seals are added to greeting cards and packages and will identify the sender as a fighter against this disease.

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