

Around The Block

BEFORE THE RAIN . . .
Tuesday Farmington's skating rink was probably the most popular place in town. A lot of the attraction was due to the new hockey rink erected on the north end of the skating area. We know because last Saturday we had to park way up the hill in order to even get to the place. Thanks to Dr. Gadwah and a number of Farmington's merchants, the new hockey rink is up and drawing plenty of people. According to Dr. Gadwah, the rink is a short time and from all appearances there will be plenty of eager youngsters to draw from. The whole thing is a mighty fine idea and everyone concerned should be congratulated.

PEAKING OF SPORTS . . .
The last few Farmington High School basketball games haven't exactly packed 'em to the rafters. A lot of Farmington folks miss a mighty "tiger eye" are now fastened on spring vacation. That's about the only excitement in Farmington. It did rain, we will have to admit, but it is hard for us to understand such lack of interest, particularly in a local election such as this. The whole thing means that a minority of the voters are participating in the election. The rest of the town is content to follow your hometown team. The team would appreciate your support. So why not make it a point to get out to the rink this Friday? Farmington will play host to Berkley in an Inter-Lakes Conference game. The Falcons are undefeated in conference play so let's pack the place this Friday.

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THE NEW YEAR SLIPPED IN . . .
quietly last Sunday night with only a few firecrackers and guns to herald the little fellow's arrival. Probably the big problems ahead had even yet 1951 a little worried. He was in quite a bit of a mood as the professors, there's that for sure. But one thing we can be thankful for and that is that the police accident reports were practically blank as far as the Farmington area is concerned. No Farmingtonites had the dubious honor of dying on the highway New Year's Eve. That is the right way to start the year and a good way to keep it all through 1951.

IT'S BACK TO WORK . . .
for boys and girls in the Farmington and Clarenceville schools this week. The memories of another Christmas year are behind and the school year is now fastened on spring vacation. That's about the only excitement in Farmington. It did rain, we will have to admit, but it is hard for us to understand such lack of interest, particularly in a local election such as this. The whole thing means that a minority of the voters are participating in the election. The rest of the town is content to follow your hometown team. The team would appreciate your support. So why not make it a point to get out to the rink this Friday? Farmington will play host to Berkley in an Inter-Lakes Conference game. The Falcons are undefeated in conference play so let's pack the place this Friday.

INSTALLATION WEEK . . .
is to be again and with it many Farmington organizations holding special banquets for their retiring officers and newly elected ones. It is a week of paying tribute to the outstanding work of civic minded citizens who keep our community groups progressing and it is a week of new challenges for officers about to take over the job that is the pulse of a growing community. Our City and Township is no better than the organizations and people within those organizations make it.

WE SEE BY . . .
the papers that there were three more fires last week end. This doesn't make us happy, even though, fortunately, there was only minor damage recorded in two of the fires. We hope you're heating plant thoroughly and refrain from burning your house. It may be nice to come into the living room, we know, and sit before a crackling fire. But it's pretty rough on the furniture when you don't have a fireplace. That's why fire's shriek means somebody, somewhere, is going through a fire. And the after-effects of a fire, any fire, are distinctly unpleasant. Even though the loss is "negligible," there is still the smell of smoke, which stays for a long time, a good scare, loss and inconvenience. So don't let it happen to you. Make sure it can't.

Trojans Resume Schedule Tuesday

Clarenceville High School's basketball team will resume their season schedule next Tuesday, January 9, with a return game against South Lyon High School in the South Lyon gymnasium.

Clarenceville met and defeated South Lyon 33 to 33 in a game played December 12 at the Clarenceville gymnasium. The game will play host to Clarkson on Friday, January 12. It will be the first of two games against Clarkson to be played this season.

Clarenceville has a record to date of two wins against two losses. They defeated Fitzgerald and South Lyon while losing to Northville and Milford. They will attempt to get back in the win column Tuesday against South Lyon. This is the first year for Coach Ben Selke, who joined the coaching staff of the Clarenceville School last year. Selke has only three varsity letters back on this year's team, but a number of former junior varsity team members are showing considerable promise for the future. The schedule gets underway.

Clarenceville has 10 more games to play before the regular season closes February 16. Four of the 10 games will be played on the Trojan floor. Clarenceville will meet Fitzgerald, South Lyon, Northville and Milford in return games as well as playing two games at home with Clarkson, Inkster-Roosevelt, and Bentley High Schools.

Mrs. Layn To Continue Layn's Service Garage

Mrs. Jean Layn announced this week that Layn's Garage, formerly General Auto Repair, 3712 Grand River, will continue to operate as usual.

Mrs. Layn will continue the auto repair service conducted by her late husband, James Layn, who passed away December 18. Layn's Garage specializes in repair service on all makes of cars and trucks.

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Air Raid Spotters Get Second Test February 10-11

Plea For Volunteers For Observation Post

Michigan's volunteer air-raid observers will get their second test Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, according to Thomas Tardy, member of the Township Board and supervisor of Farmington's Air Raid Ground Observation Post.

Tardy said the test would be conducted from 8 a.m. to five p.m. on both days. The presence of all aircraft will be reported to a central filtering station by a direct telephone line to Grand Rapids.

END IN NOVEMBER

The Farmington site, previously tested November 4 and 5, is one of 12 such posts located in the county. The posts are spaced throughout the state at eight-mile intervals reporting aircraft activity to a civilian air raid warning system operating in conjunction with the Air Force radar detectors.

Farmington's post is located at Springbrook Gardens Greenhouse at the corner of Power Road and Shiawassee.

It Was Fine Before The Rain Fell



Vacation proved a fine time to test the new hockey rink at the city park, school youngsters showed last week end. The rink was busy most of the time as the juvenile vacationers chose up sides and fought for the puck. The new rink was constructed under the auspices of Dr. Joseph Gadwah, who with the Farmington Lumber Company, L. H. Wood, Clarence Barber, Curt Hall's Garage, Arthur Lamb, Harrison Johnson, Fred Maas and Joseph Boulet, financed and guided construction of the rink.

Farmington Loses To River Rouge In Return Game Last Friday 45-37

Farmington's basketball team suffered their fourth loss of the season Friday night and their second to the first meeting River Rouge team 45 to 37 in a game played at Farmington.

However, River Rouge had to come from behind to down the stubborn Farmington team in the final minutes of play. The game Friday showed up for the first time in the game last Friday.

Farmington took an early lead in the game and held it throughout the first period. The Falcons led at the end of the first quarter 12 to 6. Bunge was the high scorer during the initial period, getting 3 points. He was followed by Bob Hutton, Fred Raupp and Jim Bates with 2 points each.

The second period was played with Farmington holding the lead. The halftime score was Farmington 17 - River Rouge 16. Al Hollander was the high scorer for Farmington during the period with 4 points.

River Rouge took the lead early in the third period, but Farmington took it back several times. The visitors finally came out on top as the third quarter ended. The score was River Rouge 32 - Farmington 30. Bates scored five points during the period. The lead changed hands several times during the early part of the final period. It was not until the eighth minute of the fourth quarter that River Rouge drove ahead. Farmington scored seven points in the final quarter to River Rouge's 13 points.

Jim Bates was high point man with 9 points. Bob Hutton scored 7 points with Al Hollander and Don Bunge getting 6 points each. Coach Robert Hutton shuffled the starting lineup with Bates at center, Raupp and Plum at forwards, and Bunge and Hutton at guards. Several Farmington players were in the game. The other two players besides the starting lineup were Hollander and Olson. River Rouge used only five players.

Following the game was held at the Inter-Lakes Conference game this Friday, January 5, in the Farmington gymnasium. The Falcons now have a season's record of four wins and four losses. Farmington has eight more games to play on their current schedule, all against Inter-Lakes Conference schools. Four of the eight games will be played at Farmington.

Only 162 Vote In City Charter Commission Election Tuesday

Trace Conroy Tops Field Of Nine Candidates Elected To Commission

Only a little over 16 per cent of the qualified voters in the City of Farmington went to the polls Tuesday in the special election to name nine charter commissioners. The revised charter must be submitted to the voters not more than 90 days following the election of the Charter Commissioners. It is expected, however, that the Commission will have the revised charter ready for the special vote prior to the time limit. The charter will have to be approved or rejected by the voters in sufficient time to meet the April election. A considerable amount of time is required for the registration of voters, the circulating and filing of the charter, and the publishing of election notices.

It is expected that canisters will be placed in local stores and business places as in past years. Delmontier stated that "some other means of raising funds may be organized throughout the area. The March of Dimes campaign is not a part of the United Fund in Oakland County.

Money secured during the annual drive will be used in the fight against infantile paralysis. A portion of the money remains in the City for use in treating infantile paralysis patients. The rest of the money goes to the National Foundation for research and the training of personnel.

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TRACE CONROY Leads Candidates

Set New Hearing On Rent Decontrol

A second hearing on de-control of rent in the City of Farmington will be held Tuesday, January 17, at the City Hall. It was announced this week by city officials.

The new hearing was set by the City Commission after it was notified by the office of the Expediter that the de-control resolution previously approved by the City Commission was improper. According to the Housing Expediter, notice must be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The original meeting was held only six days following the publication of the notice.

Approval was granted for the de-control of rent in the City of Farmington by a resolution unanimously passed by the Commission on September 13. The approval was granted following the hearing. Public notice was given inviting residents of the community to express themselves on the de-control question.

No objection was made at the hearing, and it was approved. The meeting was requested by a group of property owners.

The date for the new hearing on January 17 has been set for 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall. The previous resolution stated in part that, "whenever it is the judgment of the City Commission that a shortage of rental housing no longer exists, there it is hereby resolved by the City of Farmington that the controls within said City of Farmington, be and are hereby eliminated."

Delmontier Named Drive Chairman

Pierre Delmontier has been named chairman of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign for the Farmington area. It was announced this week by city officials.

Delmontier stated that the annual drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will open in Farmington sometime in January. The chairman stated that the exact date of the drive will be announced later. Delmontier's appointment as chairman came from the Oakland County Charter in Pontiac.

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PROWLERS ENTER CLARENCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The Clarenceville High School, Middlebrook Road, just south of the city, was broken into Wednesday night, December 27, but no money or equipment was taken. It was announced by Louis Schmidt, superintendent.

An attempt was made to break into the large wall safe in the Superintendent's office. However, the attempt was unsuccessful. The issue of The Enterprise, Superintendent's office were pried open as well as several drawers of a filing cabinet. Nothing was taken from the drawers of the filing cabinet. The safe was broken into in the principal's office was also forced open but nothing was taken. Schmidt stated that all of the dessicated filing cabinets as well as insurance papers were covered by police.

Three Fires Mar Holiday Week End

Farmington's volunteer firemen were routed out three times during the New Year's week end to extinguish blazes in the township. In two of the fires, the volunteers were successful in preventing the blazes from spreading. In the third, the first fire of 1951, they were called too late to prevent flames from destroying a small pump house also being used for storage.

At five a.m. Tuesday morning the firemen were called to the Bruce Chisholm home at 25233 Colgate where neighbors had discovered the Chisholm pump house on fire.

According to Mrs. Chisholm, the fire started when an electrical device on the pump failed to function properly. Damage to the building and its contents was completed Tuesday. Chisholm estimated the damage to be between four and five hundred dollars. Included in the loss were the pump, several gallons of paint, ladders, tools and furniture that had been stored in the pump house.

A faulty oil burner called fire.

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History Of Farmington In 1950 Told In Enterprise Headlines

While most Farmington residents are looking forward to a new year, it is interesting to settle back for a moment and review what was a community accomplished in 1950.

With the new year only a few days old and this being the first issue of The Enterprise for 1951, lets review a few of the outstanding headlines of the past year. They are history now, a mirror of the week-to-week happenings in Farmington.

January 5 - West Point Park Gets Postal Substation. January 5 - Underway in Farmington Area. New Building Ordinance. January 26 - Referendum Petitions On New Building Code. February 2 - Delegation to Clarenceville Gym Set For Tuesday. February 16 - School Board Asks Tax Hike For Night Football Field. February 23 - Merchants Prepare Displays for Legion Mid-Winter Festival.

March 2 - Special Election On Township Building Ordinance Certain. March 9 - Red Cross Drive Gets Underway in Farmington Area. March 16 - City Approves Purchase of Water Pumps. April 6 - Special Services Planned For Good Friday and Easter. April 13 - City Approves Ordinance For Site Of New Night Football Field. April 20 - Election Rejected Proposed Building Code For Township. April 27 - City Approves Ordinance For Site Of New Night Football Field.

May 11 - Proposed Night Athletic Field Loses by 26 Vote Margin. Farmington Recreation Commission To Open June 26. June 1 - High School Seniors Start Graduation Week. July 15 - Tupper

Down Win School Board Posters. Lighted Field Defeated For Site Of New Night Football Field. Alleged Violations Of Building Code in Floral Park. Clarenceville Recreation Begins June 26. June 22 - Record Traffic Floods Area At Thousands Fire City Hall.

July 13 - Curt Hall Named President of Farmington School Board. July 20 - Commission To Study City Manager Government. July 27 - City and Township Start Work On Road Repair Projects. August 3 - Summer Band Hits Grandstand. August 10 - Tom Tardy Named Air Spotter Chief. August 17 - Zoning Board May Exclude Some Districts in Township From City. August 24 - Farmington School Officials to Meet. August 25 - School Schedules of Elementary Half Day Sessions.

September 7 - Set Hearing For Rent Control City. September 13 - Light Primary Vote Recorded in Both City and Township With Only 423 Ballots Cast in City and 872 in Township. September 14 - Commission Lifts Controls on Rent in City of Farmington. September 23 - Farmington School Enrollment Nears 2,000 Mark. October 5 - Board Names Temporary Police Officer. Farmington United Fund Drive To Open October 11. October 19 - Board To Ask For Police Increase. November 4 - Tom Tardy Named Air Spotter Test To Be Held November 4-5.

November 2 - Clarenceville Schools To Form Citizens Committee. Year Vote Cast Tuesday in City (Continued on Page Ten)

Farmington Post Office Reports Record Christmas Holiday Business

The biggest Christmas season in the history of the Farmington Post Office is over.

Norman C. Lee, Farmington Postmaster, stated Tuesday that things are back to normal after the post office with all of the Christmas mail and packages cleared. The Postmaster added that the cooperation of the people of the community in clearing the post office to handle a record amount of Christmas mail and packages with a minimum amount of extra personnel.

During the period December 18 to 24, the same period as the total of 186 pouches were received at the Farmington Post Office from outside the Post Office area. These figures do not include any local mail sent and delivered. This refers to cards and letters sent by local residents to other local residents.

Between December 18 and December 25 the Farmington Post Office handled 75 sacks of parcel post coming in and 75 sacks going out. Lee explained that this represents the largest bulk of Christmas mail in any size and weight is concerned. Again this year the Farmington Post Office was required to secure extra space outside of the Post Office building to handle the large volume of parcel post.

Lee estimates that approximately 605,000 pieces of mail were handled in addition to the local mail. This is far greater than the record volume recorded during Christmas last year. Last year a total of 545,341 pieces of mail passed through the Farmington Post Office and this included local mail as well as outside mail.

Stamp sales were also far above last year's total. Lee added, "The Postmaster stated that they were above \$12,000. Approximately 15 temporary mail carriers and clerks were employed during the rush period. Christmas mail and packages were cleared from the Farmington Post Office faster this year than in previous years in spite of the fact that approximately three days less mail had to be handled during the Christmas rush due to the rail strike.

POLICE REPORT NO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS OVER WEEK END

It was an unusually quiet New Year's week end with no deaths or serious accidents reported by either City or Township police over the long holiday week end. Traffic accidents were reported on U. S. 16 and other main roads in the Farmington area. The fact that New Year's Eve fell on a Sunday may have accounted for some of the reduction in traffic accidents during the past week end.

The Harold Westfalls on Grand River mentioned their parents, the Ralph Westfalls, for breakfast Christmas morning.

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