

# Around The Block

IT MUST BE SPRING. Because the river is high, the mud is deep and the flu is everywhere. You can't always tell by the calendar but these signs are pretty fool-proof. We don't want to infer that we won't get any more cold weather or even a snow flake or two, because that would mean that we are in the definite signs of spring all around us — including, incidentally, a lot of more robins. Treating about spring is mighty pleasant anyway, and we had better talk about it while we have the chance. Maybe next week will be very different.

WE WANT JUST A WORD . . . with the many friends and neighbors who stopped by our booth down at the Farmington Mid-Winter Festival last Saturday and Sunday. We would like to thank all of you for the many comments you made about our hometown newspaper. It is indeed encouraging and gratifying that so many of you read and enjoy The Enterprise. We particularly appreciated the comments regarding the changes in make-up and layout both of the front page and inside pages. Most of you seem to be making from time to time. The Enterprise is your hometown newspaper, written for you and designed to serve you. Every effort is being made to make it better and your continued comments will help us do the job. Thanks again, very, very much.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Dr. Joseph Gadbow on receiving the V. F. W. Ladies Auxiliary Americanism award. This is an outstanding job designed to encourage and promote the Americanism in the Farmington community. Dr. Gadbow has done an outstanding job for the youngsters and adults of the Farmington area. His leadership in helping to make this community a better place in which to live is the very foundation of Americanism. We congratulate Dr. Gadbow not only on his award but the service he is rendering Farmington.

MORE COMPLAINTS . . . have poured into the office regarding the condition of the main trunkline roads in and around Farmington. Particular target seems to be the south Farmington roads. It is a real nuisance for us to have other complaints that way last week and it wasn't pleasant for us or the family bus. In fact, if you can get around it anyway, you had better do it. The main complaint seems to be that Farmington Road south to Eight Mile is getting serious emergency attention. It is a definite sign of spring all around us — including, incidentally, a lot of more robins. Treating about spring is mighty pleasant anyway, and we had better talk about it while we have the chance. Maybe next week will be very different.

ANOTHER GRAND OPENING . . . is scheduled for this Thursday when Jean's Beauty Shop or open house is scheduled for this Thursday at 3332 Grand River. The new shop is located right at the corner of Farmington Road and Grand River in the former office of Edgar Pierce, Insurance Agency. Mr. Pierce has moved around the corner on North Farmington Road. Jean has completely redecorated the new beauty shop and will have refreshments from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m.

FARMINGTON'S RED CROSS DRIVE . . . is scheduled to get underway this week with a record quota to work in this means that everyone will have to chip in and help if we as a community are to fulfill our obligations. Funds are urgently needed by the Red Cross to carry on their blood bank program and relief efforts in addition to their regular humanitarian work. We plan to plan now to contribute as much as you can, as the Red Cross and a lot of your fellow Americans are counting on your help. Giving the voluntary way is the American way! No one says that you must give — no one takes it from your pocketbook. Let your heart be your guide — that's the way we want it and that's the way it should be.

THOSE SEED CATALOGS . . . are making mighty good reading these days, we know. But kindly do not be taken in by all the lush copy and four color pictures. You are looking at the seed catalogs and the watermelons turned out to be the fastest-tasting cucumbers ever picked, and what was touted to be the quick-maturing type of salad corn we never did taste. Frost killed it before it got up high enough to pick. Perhaps we're a bit hit and miss about the seed catalogs. It is a real nuisance for us to have other complaints that way last week and it wasn't pleasant for us or the family bus. In fact, if you can get around it anyway, you had better do it. The main complaint seems to be that Farmington Road south to Eight Mile is getting serious emergency attention. It is a definite sign of spring all around us — including, incidentally, a lot of more robins. Treating about spring is mighty pleasant anyway, and we had better talk about it while we have the chance. Maybe next week will be very different.

Trojan Five Opens Tourney Thursday . . . Clarenceville's basketball team will open their District Tournament competition this Thursday evening when they meet South Lyon High School at the Bentley High School gym.

YACCEES TO HOLD ANNUAL MINSTREL SHOW MARCH 30 . . . The third annual "Fine and Dandy" minstrel show sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, March 30, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. Arthur Mann, general chairman, announced this week.

Plans are now being completed on the outline of the variety show which will feature talent from the Farmington area. The first rehearsal of the chorus will be held this Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the Farmington band house. The chorus will be composed of members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, their wives and interested persons in the community.

James Warner will be the inter-collegiate and is in charge of the end week. Other committee members are: Harold Aldrich, at-large; Phil Thomas, finances; Bob Harris, program; John Hulet, tickets; and Ed West, publicity. End men for this year's show will be Bob Johnson and Elmer Rousseau. Joe Whyte, Bob Godette, John Falser and Billy Joe Robbins.

Farmington High School will hold their District Tournament at Wall-Lake in the first round of their District tournament at Farmington. Wall-Lake game will meet Troy Township High School in a game Friday night at 9:00 at the Wall-Lake gymnasium.

County PTA Group Elects Officers . . . The Oakland County Council of Parent-Teachers Associations will elect new officers March 9 when they meet at 8 p.m. at the Oakland County Board of Education in an Elizabeth Lake Road across from the Country Club golf course.

Reports of special committees will also be heard at the meeting. The "Music Education" will be the special speaker's topic. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Edith Roach Snyder, principal of the Webster School in Pontiac.

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## View Displays At Mid-Winter Festival



Thirty-three Farmington merchants displayed their wares in the most attractive manner possible last week end when they presented the second annual Farmington Mid-Winter Festival. The Legion Hall was kept filled with visitors from noon Saturday until late Sunday night as spectators trooped from booth to booth seeing the wares and services available in the Farmington area. The spectators left carrying armloads of samples and novelties as the merchants sought to outdo each other in pleasing the crowd.

## Farmington Red Cross Drive Opens March 1 With A \$3,489 Quota

Charles Stuart Heads 1951 Campaign . . . A quota of \$3,489 has been set for the 1951 Farmington Red Cross Drive. It was announced Tuesday by Charles Stuart, chairman of the Farmington area campaign. The drive will officially open this Thursday, March 1, and continue through the month of March. Stuart announced that a special meeting of volunteer solicitors will be held sometime this week end. He added that a number of former volunteer Red Cross workers had already indicated their desire to assist in this year's drive. At the meeting organizers for areas throughout the City and Township will be assigned. A portion of the money collected during the 1951 drive will remain in Oakland County for local use. The remainder goes to the National Chapter and War Relief. The Oakland County chapter is now in charge of the end week.

## Merchant Festival Attracts 2,500

Approximately 2,500 persons attended the second annual Farmington Mid-Winter Festival, held last Saturday and Sunday at the American Legion Memorial Home. The festival opened Saturday at noon and continued open until 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. Sunday the doors were opened at 2:00 p.m. and closed at 10:30 p.m. Saturday evening. A total of 30 merchants had display booths set up on the two floors at the Legion home. A number of other merchants had display banners in the building. Residents from all sections of the Farmington trading area attended the two day festival, which was sponsored jointly by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion and the merchants of the Farmington area. Visitors to the festival received free samples of gifts and much informative material on the supplies and services offered by Farmington merchants.

The purpose of the festival was to acquaint residents of the area with the merchandise and services they can secure right in their own hometown community as well as to give the merchants an opportunity to meet more of their neighbors. The superintendent stated that Clarenceville may get only a portion of the amount they are applying for or the request may be deferred to a later date. The priority will go to districts having Federal installations and Federal Housing units. Districts which have no Federal installations and no activities will be considered next. Aid in such districts may be on a percentage basis or deferred.

## Farmington Ties With Wall-Lake For Inter-Lakes Basketball Crown

The Falcons' 46 to 37 victory over the Trojans last Friday night at the Bentley High School was Farmington's 23-11 record. Olson, Bates, Hutton, Jerry Plum and John-Mansfield. Mansfield, who is a regular member of the Junior Varsity squad, was moved up to the varsity for Friday night's game.

The Falcons took the lead at the start and held it throughout the game. Olson led the attack in the first period, scoring 12 points. The score at the end of the period was Farmington 10 - Milford 5. In the second period the Falcons scored 15 points while Milford scored 10. Tyler collected 13 points on nine field goals and one free throw.

The Farmington High Freshmen ended their basketball season by losing to Southfield 37 - 25. Farmington led all the way. Dan Goodrich was high point man for Farmington with 11 points. The Freshmen won 9 and lost 2 this season. made four points and Al-Hammam made two points.

## Governor Williams Delays Signing Draft Of Proposed Farmington City Charter

Register Voters For Spring Vote Until March 13 . . . City Clerk At Floral Park Saturday . . . New registrations are now being taken in both the City and the Township for the Biennial Spring Election, to be held Monday, April 2, Harry Moore, City Clerk, and Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

McCracken stated that registrations will be taken for the Township every day except Monday and Saturday afternoon at the Township offices located in the Farmington Town Hall. Persons may also register any day except Sunday at McCracken's home, 3579 1/2 Mile Road in the last day of registration, Tuesday, March 13, persons may register at the Township Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City residents may register at the City Hall any day except Saturday afternoon and Sunday. On the last day of registration residents may register at the City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CLERK AT FLORAL PARK . . . Harry Moore, City Clerk, will establish a special registration desk at the Floral Park Confectionery this Saturday morning to register Floral Park residents in the eastern section of the city may register there from 9 a.m. until noon. Moore says. The special desk was established at the request of Floral Park residents.

Township voters will elect township officers for the next two years as well as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, two members to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, member of the State Board of Agriculture and two justices of the State Supreme Court. City voters will elect the State Board of Agriculture and two justices of the State Supreme Court. City voters will elect the State Board of Agriculture and two justices of the State Supreme Court.

## Study Federal Aid At Clarenceville

According to a formula as set up regarding Federal Aid for school building construction, Clarenceville has an entitlement in the amount of approximately \$200,000, according to Louis Schmitt, superintendent. Schmitt stated, however, that this was no indication that the District would get this sum. He added that many factors are involved in the issue. Under Public Act 818, Congress appropriated \$4,000,000 for the whole United States, of this total approximately \$100,000,000 in districts having no Federal aid from Michigan alone.

## Child Study Club To Hear Miss Estella Martin

The German School Child Study club will meet March 5 at 8 p.m. in the school building to hear Miss Estella Martin, director of the Family Service Bureau of the Oakland County Board of Education. Miss Martin will talk on "Problems of Discipline". The open meeting will give members of the audience an opportunity to discuss problems of discipline with Miss Martin. Refreshments will be served.

## PLATE SALES PASS 1950 TOTAL IN LAST MINUTE RUSH

"Business was never so good," harried clerks at Carl Hays Pontiac agency complained early this week when last minute car license purchasers flooded the local Department of State representatives. During the first three days of the week, license plate sales, which reached the 400 a day mark last week, soared. More than 1300 passenger car tags and 400 commercial plates went through the windows as tardy buyers sought frantically to beat the March 1 deadline. More than 8,000 car license tags were sold through Tuesday. With one day left in which to purchase new auto tags, sales of the 1951 plates had passed the total number of 1950 plates sold.

## 14 Crews Patch County Roads

Fourteen road crews are busy patching county roads, which the County Road Commissioner Leon V. Belknap said Tuesday. But because of the frost, dampness, and severity of the chills, success in re-creating a smooth riding surface isn't always possible. Belknap said the old concrete roads in the county are badly pockmarked by this year's deep frost. Belknap said every type of patching material available in the state is being used by 14 crews, but because of the moisture in the roads, many of the patches do not hold. Belknap said the condition of Farmington Road south of the city is known to the commission, but could not definitely say, until the road is patched. He said that treatment it would receive this year.

The gas tax increase under consideration in the state legislature could provide more funds for roads, Belknap said. Pending the outcome of this measure and the final conditions of roads throughout the county when the spring break-up is in the issue. Under Public Act 818, Congress appropriated \$4,000,000 for the whole United States, of this total approximately \$100,000,000 in districts having no Federal aid from Michigan alone.

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Hearing Clinic Opens At School . . . Students in the schools of the Farmington Township School District are being tested this week in the first of a series of hearing clinic sessions by the State Health Department. O. E. Danckel, superintendent, stated that the testing began Tuesday afternoon in the Farmington High School and would continue for a week throughout the District. Students from the fourth through the 12th grades will be tested. Danckel stated that 40 or more children at each sitting with approximately 200 being handled in a day. The initial testing will take about a week. Those students who fail later on the normal hearing requirements will be given further tests below. (The purpose of the clinic is to assist those children whose hearing is defective.) Danckel stated that the Board of Education made application for the State Hearing Clinic nearly a year ago, but heavy demands for the testing have resulted in a delay until now. A similar eight-testing clinic was held in the Farmington Township School District about a year ago. The hearing clinic is sponsored by the State Health Department with the cooperation of the County Health Department and the school district.

## Town Club Meeting

The Town Club will meet Thursday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. Carl Schultz, 33423 Oakland. Speaker for the evening will be a former U.S. Senator, Elmer Smith. She will be assisted by Mary Stoll, Pat Sherlock and Nancy O'Shaughnessy.

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