



AROUND THE BLOCK

BUSY IS THE WORD . . .

around Farmington these days, at least as far as roads are concerned. We don't imagine we have to tell you about it, but we are going to anyway just to break the ice. (Don't ask us where we found the ice this time of the year.) Not only are Farmington City's streets getting a nice new surface, but work has started on the repair of curbing on Grand River preparatory to the State Highway Department's resurfacing program. On top of all this, we saw surveyors poking through their glasses last Saturday down on South Farmington Road. We don't know for sure whether they were looking at the road or not, but according to the County Road Commission, Farmington Road is on the repair schedule. So the road situation in general seems to be well in hand.

ANOTHER BUSY PLACE . . .

last Saturday was Berling - McHugh's new Ford showroom and service headquarters. And we do mean busy. . . It was the Grand Opening of their new building and we don't believe there were very many people in this area that didn't stop in. It wasn't surprising, either. . . they really had entertainment plus. During most of Saturday residents jammed the building to hear outstanding radio stars and personalities. The new showroom and service headquarters is an attractive addition to Farmington's business district and everyone down at Berling - McHugh deserves sincere congratulations and the best of luck.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT . . .

of the conversion of the Warner Farm to residential property is good news for the Farmington community. The addition of 250 homes substantiates what The Enterprise has said for a long time — Farmington is growing and ready to grow. A glimpse at the plat and the regulations on the development of the Warner Farm indicate that this will be one of the finest sections of the City when it is completed. The addition of this many homes is big news. It will mean a considerable increase in population as well as increased revenue to the city and the school district. These are the factors that make for progress and a better community in which to live. It is up to all of us to gear our energies and our thoughts to the physical advancement of our home community.

THIS MONDAY . . .

has been set as the opening of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer program. Because this is a community-wide effort, it deserves the support of every resident. For the first time, the city's four playgrounds will be in operation during the six weeks' summer program. Registration of youngsters will take place Monday at all four playgrounds and parents are being asked to come with their youngsters when they register so that the supervisors may have a chance to meet them. Clarenceville's program got off to a flying start last Monday. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions are making every effort to develop their programs in order to attract more youngsters. You can help by encouraging your children to participate and by taking an active part yourself in their supervised play and development.

IF YOU SEE . . .

spots before your eyes, it's probably surplus left by the air spotters last week end after that 22-hour starting job. It was a good job of it, too, says chief observer George V. McLaughlin. However, from the talk which has slipped into the newspapers from the Air Force, the system didn't work too well — seems that about 70% of the airplanes used in the four day exercise got through the radar and the air spotters. There aren't enough air spotters, it seems, to blanket the area the way the Air Force would like to have it. Which seems a shame. In our observations, the Air Spotters seem to have a good time at their work. During that all night watch last Saturday, there were three families at work from 2 to 5 a.m. and they seemed to enjoy the work. They brought coffee and sandwiches and had a regular kaffee klatch out of it.

LOST . . .

Blue sky, rather warm, brand new, in good condition. Five day clear weather to The Enterprise. We mean that. We're last one day out next week, which means our Monday is your Saturday and our Tuesday is your Monday. Which in turn means that copy from correspondents and advertisers has to be here a day early next week. The Fourth of July has been declared a holiday and The Enterprise wants to take it off. Which means we'll have to get an early start and receive that copy early if it's going to be included in next week's home town newspaper. On that point, we can't be too emphatic, what with the newspaper absence what it is.

NOW IS THE TIME . . .

for all good men to come to the aid of their gardens. These are the days when the sun, and feet, and wrists, and backs. This is the time when the springtime garden weeds are starting to grow and the reader shrink from the blisters and backaches in this time of power motors and garden tractors. During this period, the period between "plant seeds six to eight inches apart" and "serve four to six", a lot of work will return to the garden from whence they came — weeds. However, we find that those who wear the ties off their rakes, the skin off their hands, and the kinks out of their backs, generally receive a great deal of eating material as well as satisfaction from their gardens. Consequently, we urge them to keep on. And that is with the only one who never had in connection with a garden is one we got from gangrene after a hoe handle sliver.

Playground Draws Top Attendance

A record number of youngsters flocked to the Clarenceville High School playground Monday for the opening day of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission summer program.

Leo Larue, director, stated Tuesday that over 200 youngsters will participate in the playground activities. About 150 youngsters have registered for individual instrumental music lessons under the direction of Joe Markell. Baton twirling lessons are also being given.

On Tuesday two bus loads of girls went to Kent Lake for swimming. The group was accompanied by Miss Betty Myers and Markell. This Saturday the boys will attend the swimming trip to Kent Lake. On Friday the first group of youngsters will make a trip to the Detroit Zoo. Larue stated that the youngsters should bring a lunch with them. Buses will leave the Clarenceville High School at 9:00 a.m.

Because of the record number of youngsters participating in the program, it has become necessary to split the swimming program as well as some of the trips. Girls will swim on Tuesdays and the boys on Thursdays. Friday, July 3, will go to the Detroit Zoo.

Mrs. Wanda Barnes has been added to the Recreation staff on a part-time basis.

BREAK GROUND FOR NEW FARMINGTON POST OFFICE

Work has begun on the construction of the new Farmington Post Office building, being erected on South Farmington Road near Orchard Street.

Workers broke ground for the new building Tuesday. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy late this fall according to William F. Elliott, who is building the structure for use to the Farmington Post Office.

The building is to be a one-story cinder block structure with a floor space of 3,524 square feet. The new building will be 38 feet by 95 feet with a 20-foot drive along one side. There will be a loading dock and parking area of approximately 10 feet by 100 feet.

Township To Discuss Fire Protection July 2

A special meeting between the Farmington Township Board and the Fire Inspection Bureau representatives regarding additional fire stations in the Township will be held Monday, July 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the Township Offices in Farmington.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, said the announcement Tuesday evening at a special meeting of the Township Board. The board has received several recommendations from the Bureau but requested a personal conference with representatives to discuss the matter more fully.

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250 NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT IN CITY OF FARMINGTON

Zoning Code Gets First Discussion At Public Hearing

Few Objections Raised To Present Version

Farmington Township residents met the Township Zoning Board Tuesday night and told it what they think of a "revising ordinance." An audience of approximately 100 voiced their criticisms and opinions of the code in the first of a series of meetings designed to tailor the code to fit the desires of the majority of the township's residents.

Most of the residents who took the floor to make suggestions were those desiring a change in the present zoning in accordance with the regulations of a particular subdivision. Only a few points of the general provisions of the ordinance were noted for discussion.

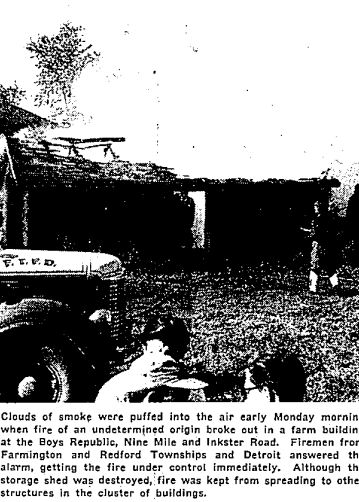
First objection raised to the ordinance was the proportion of cubic content to square feet of floor area called for in the ordinance. At present, the relationship between area and cubic content calls for two story homes.

Board chairman Edward Moseman said, however, that the discrepancy being brought to the Board's attention previously and would be amended.

Criticized at the meeting was the zoning of a large portion of the township as "Residence 4" area. Objectors felt more homes should be set aside for the construction of smaller homes. One subdivision presented a petition to be excluded entirely from the code, in accordance with previous statements made by Moseman and repeated Tuesday, that no area would be zoned against its wishes.

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Boys Republic Blaze Squelched



Clouds of smoke were puffed into the air early Monday morning when fire of an undetermined origin broke out in a farm building at the Boys Republic, Nine Road and Inkster Road. Firemen from Farmington and Redford Townships and Detroit answered the alarm, getting the fire under control immediately. Although the storage shed was destroyed, fire was kept from spreading to other structures in the cluster of buildings.

One Dead, Two Injured In Dense Week End Traffic

Bruno Slesinski Killed Friday Night

Some of the heaviest traffic Farmington has ever had brought death to one man and injured two others last Friday. During the opening of the fishing season, more accidents were reported. The congestion prevented serious accidents Saturday and Sunday; cars were too close together to attain dangerous speeds.

Dead of injuries suffered in an accident at Farmington Road and Eight Mile at 10:35 p.m. Friday is Bruno J. Slesinski, 20766 Inkster Road. Charles Ash, 34380 Nine Mile Road, driver of the other car in the collision, suffered scalp cuts and was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital.

A passenger in the Slesinski car, James Laird, 35, of 20750 Polichina, received a fractured skull and broken arms in the crash.

Funeral services for Slesinski were held from St. Agatha's Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Slesinski is survived by his wife, Bertha, a son and six daughters, three grandchildren and two brothers. He was 33 years old.

Warner Farm On Farmington Road To Be Converted Into Home Sites

Plans are now being completed for the conversion of the Warner Farm on South Farmington Road into 250 home sites. It was announced Tuesday by Harry S. Wolfe, Farmington realtor, and Devere Fleming, his associate.

This is reported to be the largest single real estate development in the history of the City of Farmington. The property is bounded on the west by Farmington Road, on the south by Nine Mile Road, on the east by the property facing Maple Street and on the north by the property facing Orchard Street. There will be a total of five streets running north and south and two streets running east and west.

According to Wolfe, all of the streets will be paved and sidewalks will be constructed. There will be no through streets. Government will be extended through to Farmington Road, but it will not be on a straight line. Water mains and fire hydrants will be installed as well as sewers. Wolfe added that 80% of the lots will be sold to "custom home builders" to avoid the appearance of a "project look."

It is estimated that when the conversion is completed a total of approximately \$4,000,000 in new homes will be added to the City of Farmington. Wolfe stated that appropriate regulations will be enforced to protect the homogeneity of the property and maintain an attractive neighborhood. All dwellings and garages will be set back at least 40 feet from all street lines to insure maximum visibility at street intersections and allow large front lawns. Not less than 60% of the exterior walls of the homes and attached porches will be brick or stone. The average lot will be approximately 73 feet wide.

Board President



RICHARD E. PRIEBE

At a special organization meeting of the Clarenceville Board of Education held last Wednesday evening, Richard E. Priebe was elected president for the year 1951-52.

The Board named Thomas C. Wilson as secretary for the coming year and Dallas J. Sullivan was elected treasurer. William Lavras, president of the Board last year, and James A. Nicholas were named Trustees.

The Board accepted the resignation of Casimir Ryniak, physical education instructor. Ryniak is leaving Clarenceville to accept a position at Riverview, Michigan, as a speech correction instructor.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the program of planning new buildings in the Clarenceville area will be residential with the possible exception of the property facing the Cut-Off, which may be zoned commercial.

The Warner Farm, owned by the heirs of the late Governor Fred M. Warner, has long been a prominent landmark in the City of Farmington. It is expected that the farm buildings will remain standing until a portion of the property has been developed. No definite plan has been outlined for the full development except the creation of a new street, the Warner Farm Road. It is expected that the development will be gradual with the extension of service facilities.

Farmington Summer Recreation Program To Open This Monday

Four Playgrounds To Be Used For Program

Plans have been completed for the opening of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer playground program this Monday, July 2, according to William Nuse, director.

Nuse stated that a meeting of playground supervisors was held Monday, June 26, at the Farmington High School at which final plans were completed. Four playgrounds in the Farmington Township School District will open Monday. The playgrounds are located at the Farmington High School, Bond School, Noble School and William Grace School. This is the first year that a full six weeks' program is being conducted at all four playgrounds. Previously the program has been split between the Noble and William Grace Schools.

At the Monday morning meeting of supervisors, playground assignments were made. A total of seven playground supervisors have been employed by the Recreation Commission. The supervisors and the playgrounds they have been assigned to are as follows: Mary Weaver and Dick Tyeon, Farmington; Janet Wheaton and Larry Pink, Noble School; Ruth Hamlin, William Grace School; and Lore

City Hall Repair Contract Awarded

The contract for the repair of the front of the Municipal Building was awarded to the Fran Construction and Maintenance Company of Detroit at a special meeting of the City Council held Monday evening.

It was decided by the Council, after a more complete study, that repair of the front was all that was necessary. The contract was awarded at a price of \$1,750. According to the specifications on the contract, the loose cement and mortar will be removed and the stone pointed and caulked. A copper flashing will be installed at the parapet and the front will be waterproofed and painted a sandstone color.

The Council also tabled the appointment of a new City Manager until the regular meeting of the Council, to be held July 13. This is being done to allow more time for the Council to study the qualifications of the various applicants for the position.

Approval was given by the Council for the purchase of a new pump for the third city well. The new pump will handle 600 gallons of water per minute.

HUGO PETERSON NAMED PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Hugo Peterson was installed as president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the installation of officers and annual picnic held Wednesday at Hickory Hills Country Club.

Other officers installed include Tom Bonner, first vice-president; Arnold Jorgensen, second vice-president; Claude Goodes, secretary; Emory Hatton, treasurer. Newly elected members of the Board of Control are Dr. Fred Davis, Ray Fendt and Harley Walters.

The annual picnic, held at the Hickory Hills Country Club in Commerce Township, was the final meeting until September. The newly elected officers will take over their official duties with the opening of the fall season.

Recruit Women For Polio Work

A committee to direct recruiting and organization of a corps of Emergency Volunteers for service to Oakland County victims of infantile paralysis has been formed according to Carl W. Demphree, chairman of the Oakland County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (March of Dimes).

Committee members include Mrs. Richard Paschke, White Lake Township, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter Women's committee; Mrs. Fred Lenx, chairman for Farmington; Mrs. Frank Johnson, chairman of Waterford; Mrs. H. Herbert Abrams, chairman of Wilcox; and Mrs. Mark Garlick, Lake Orion, chairman of the American Red Cross Nurses Aides.

Sponsored by the National Foundation, volunteers will be trained by staff members of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac under the supervision of Jeanne Ryniak, physical therapist, and Dorothy Shauman, R. N., director of nursing service.

Women interested in joining the P. E. V. Corps must be in good health, 21 years of age, and visit no small children. Candidates will be given a four weeks' course of training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital which will cover general bedside care, hygiene, preparation and application of hot packs, and handling of Infantile Paralysis patients. P. E. V.'s will render year-round service to polio victims in the hospital, in the home, and in the clinic. An evening and afternoon course will be given. Both start in July.

Farmington Represented

Rita Christian Attends National Conference Of Student Councils

Rita Christian, Farmington; Nancy Rice, Watford Lake; Donald Schoedon, Grandby; and Myron Oliver, assistant principal at Farmington High School, have just returned from the National Conference of Student Councils held in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

The three schools are all members of the Inter-Lakes Conference. The town of Wellesley became the high school capital of the "Nation" last week with the registration of 454 student delegates from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Canada.

The students were accompanied by 148 teachers for the four day assembly of the 15th annual conference.

The colorful Wellesley High School Band led the welcoming delegation at the railway station on Monday morning. At the opening session Gerald M. Van Pool spoke on the subject "Visit to See; Faith to Believe; Courage to Do". After luncheon the students enjoyed a bus tour of historic Boston.

Dr. Ervin D. Canham, editor of the "Boston Globe" and president of the National Conference, was the main speaker at the conference Monday evening. He spoke on "Youth Leadership in a Changing World", which was the

Landmark Ready For Hauling Away



Ready for the semi-trailer truck standing in the background was the old log cabin, built in 1924 to commemorate Farmington's 100th anniversary. The cabin was torn down by Sea Scouts last week, who will move the structure to a site near Pontiac, where it will be used for Sea and Explorer Scout camping.

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