



AROUND THE BLOCK

A PREMATURE DISPLAY - of the Fourth of July lighted the sky Tuesday evening. We don't know whether Mother Nature was paying tribute to the birth of our Nation or not, but she really put on a show. If you happened to be looking skyward Sunday night you know what we are talking about. The Northern Lights were brilliant for several hours, streaking across the clear sky. There were white shafts of light and shifting beams and if you looked at them very long, stiff necks. It came very close to the most brilliant display of the Northern Lights we have had the pleasure to see in this section of the state. A very appropriate beginning for the country's 175th birthday anniversary.

ANOTHER SIGN - of the Nation's birthday was the long stream of cars that poured through Farmington Wednesday. Acting as the heavy traffic began last week end and reached a climax on the 4th of July. The grim toll of traffic accidents and deaths is certainly not our idea, and we don't believe, anyone else's, of a good way to celebrate the birth of the United States. It should serve as a warning to every driver of an automobile that death lurks on the highway. The Northern Lights that has been going out through Farmington the past few days will probably be coming back this Sunday, so unless you have to be on the road, the safest place will be in your back yard. If you do have to be on the highway, take it easy, don't take chances, and observe the rules of the road. Your life is in danger!

THE TOWN HALL PARK - has taken on a new look since the removal of the log cabin last week. In a way, we hate to see the old cabin go, as it was a landmark in the town. It is to be noted that the new building we made for Farmington on the home of the log cabin was the identifying feature of the Farmington Community. However, it is encouraging to know that it will be put to good use in another location by the Explorer Scouts of Farmington. The removal of the cabin does add greatly to the spaciousness of the new Hall Park. How long the open-spacedness will last no one knows. However, if the community grows as fast as is indicated now, the space will be urgently needed before long.

FLAGS WERE FLYING - last Wednesday from many flag poles in the Farmington community. The whole area was pretty well dotted with the Stars and Stripes both in the business district and residential area. One of the newest flag poles and one that not very many people could miss is located at the home of the late Mrs. L. J. Brown. The flagpole was set up on the road. There were a lot of people traveling that way Wednesday and saw Old Glory flying from its new height. We were mighty proud to see so many flags displayed on the 4th of July. It was a colorful display of the patriotism of Farmington's citizens. It sort of makes us glad to have such real citizens for neighbors.

FARMINGTON'S RECREATION PROGRAM - opened with a shout Monday morning as youngsters and their parents flocked to the four playgrounds in record numbers. There is a big sign ahead for the children of Farmington, 2371 Farmington District area, so if you aren't registered, youngsters, that is, you had better do it this week. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville summer programs are attracting record numbers of youngsters and nothing could be more beneficial to a community. Even greater benefits could be achieved if parents would take the time to register their youngsters. Recreation for adults has been suggested in both areas but there has not been sufficient interest to organize a program. Such activities could be conducted in the evenings and would go a long way towards building better community spirit as well as wholesome recreation.

IT GOES TO SHOW - something or other about the persistency of the Post Office Department. We received a postal money order this week in the amount of fifty cents. Seems that someone left out the zero in the amount of the money order for the town of Agana, Guam. Monday morning bright and early we received a letter from Guam, enclosing the half dollar for a classified ad and an apology for not being prompter with payment. Moving to Guam, however, might easily bring it to our attention. But this customer didn't forget! Just goes to show how highly those classifieds are considered.

BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT - over this week for the members of Farmington's new Sea Scout ship, Ronnie Bell, Skipper, and several of his crew were heard last week taking apart the remains of the old log cabin. Someone put a bee in their bonnet by telling the Scouts that there was an old tin box full of who knows what buried within the foundation, presumably of the fireplace in the store front. The Scouts were told to place to send one of the Scouts over to The Enterprise to make sure the efforts were being expended on the correct pile of rocks. Sure enough, a check through the files of The Enterprise for 1923 showed the box was buried at the southwest corner. There the boys dug, inspired by the exciting human thought of buried treasure. They found the box all right - but it contained only the waterlogged and rotten shreds of a copy of The Enterprise and that was all. Can't blame 'em for being disgusted.

Enrollment Grows At Clarenceville

Registration of youngsters for the Clarenceville Summer Recreation program is continuing this week. The program is being directed by Joe Markell, director.

This is the largest enrollment in the history of the Recreation Commission and indicates that it will go higher before the week is ended. The Commission has employed two full time directors, Markell and Leo Larue, and two part-time directors, Miss Betty Myers and Mrs. Wanda Barnes. Markell stated that 200 have registered for individual music lessons, which is also a new record.

Efforts are now being made to organize three lot lotes throughout the District for elementary children. These lots will be under the supervision of Miss Myers and Mrs. Barnes. They will be located at the Edgewood School, Central School, Scriber's Lot on Eight Mile near Farmington Road and Smith's Lot on Seven Mile near Farmington.

An arts and crafts class has also been added to the program under the supervision of Miss Lucille Wells, of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department. The class will be held on Wednesday nights and folk dancing is also being scheduled. This program will be under the direction of Mrs. Barnes. Markell stated that baton twirling instruction is being given in connection with the music program.

Boys' swimming is being held every Thursday at Kent Lake, with the girls swimming on Tuesdays. Arts and crafts classes will be held Friday, July 6, and Wednesday, July 11. The first folk dancing class is scheduled for Monday afternoon, July 7.

ERNEST HICKMAN RECEIVES JAYCEES PROJECT AWARD

Ernest Hickman was awarded the "Outstanding Project Award" for the year 1950-51 at the Annual Installation banquet of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce held Friday evening at Northwood Inn.

The award was presented to Hickman for his "entire year of leadership" and "untiring efforts" in behalf of City Manager government for the City of Farmington. Hickman organized several Town Hall meetings, at which prominent authorities spoke on the subject of city manager government, and stimulated interest throughout the city in the project.

Sam Rosenburg, State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was the main speaker of the evening and installed the new president of the Farmington Jaycees, Ed West. Other new officers installed were: Phil Thomas, first vice-president; Robert Harris, second vice-president; Roy Erdmann, third vice-president; Kenneth Johnson, treasurer; and James Tagg, director. Robert Cassell is the past president of the Jaycees.

Hold "Well Baby" Clinic At Clarenceville

The fifth "Well Baby" clinic will be held next Thursday, July 12, at the Home Economics house at Clarenceville High School.

The clinic is one in a series of clinics for preschool age children whose parents are unable to provide a series of inoculations. At the clinic, inoculations against diphtheria, whooping cough, diphtheria, and vaccination for small pox will be given.

Mrs. Lawrence Wagner, Farmington 023-M, is taking appointment for the clinic.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETS WITH INSPECTION BUREAU



PLAYGROUND supervisors get a briefing from Bill Nuse, director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission. Left to right are Mary Weaver, Farmington playground; Janet Wheaton, Noble School playground; Ruth Hamlin, William Grace School playground; Larry Pink, Noble School playground; Director Nuse; Ed Klees, Bond School playground; and Dick Tyler, Farmington School playground. The summer recreation program opened this Monday with 350 youngsters registered before noon.

Report Progress On Application For School Aid

C'ville Application Cleared By State

The Clarenceville Board of Education has been notified that their application for an advance of money from the Federal Government for school planning aid is being processed.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated Monday that the application has been processed through Detroit and is now in Chicago. The application requests the advance of \$3,800 for planning and architect fees for a proposed new elementary school.

Schmidt stated that as soon as the application has been approved, the district based on the 1951 census, in addition to this there were 100 new homes in the process of construction as of June 25.

It is 30 more being planned for this summer. Schmidt added that with the present enrollment at a new record high, and the additional development that is taking place in the district, elementary classrooms will be more crowded than ever in September. The Board has already authorized half day sessions for the first and third grades in September with the possibility of another grade being put on half day sessions.

Determine Areas To Receive New Volunteer Fire Department Stations

Establishment of two more fire fighting districts in Farmington Township came closer to reality Monday afternoon when the Farmington Township Board met with John Maldegan of the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

Purpose of the meeting was to receive the Bureau's advice on locating equipment and types of equipment to be used to provide the maximum possible fire protection for residents of the township. The Bureau is subsidized by Michigan.

Decisions reached by the Board at the Monday meeting included determination of the general area in which two new stations will be located and determination of the type of new equipment which will be used at one of the new stations.

The sites recommended by Maldegan were those previously considered by the Township Board - one in the extreme northeast corner of the township and one in the southeast section.

A location offered by the Bell Garage North-west of Highway near the intersection of 14 Mile Road was approved wholeheartedly by Maldegan. This station will probably be equipped with a high pressure fire truck, to be purchased by the township.

One of the suggested plans for the area to be covered by this station is the MAYfar telephone exchange. However, the fire insurance with telephone engineers must be had prior to establishing new areas.

SEE NO RATE SAVING

Maldegan told the board that because of the fire equipment located within an incorporated community at the present time, the entire township falls into a 10th class fire protection area. This is the same class as areas having no fire protection.

The area within three miles by paved road from a fire station in the township is going to be a 9th district rating, which allows a small fire insurance saving. On a frame building with composition roof, the \$7.50 per thousand valuation rate for the 10th district would be cut to \$7.00 in 9th districts.

Areas served by a water system, Section 38 in the township and the Woodhise subdivision, would receive a 9th district rating. The rate there would drop to \$4.50 from \$7.50.

Other township areas to be served by equipment located within the township would retain the 10th district rating of \$7.50 per \$1,000 valuation for three years.

Farmington Summer Program Opens With Record Registration

350 Enroll At Four School Playgrounds

A record registration of 350 was reported Monday as the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program got underway at four playgrounds throughout the Farmington Township School District.

William Nuse, director of the program, stated that this was the largest opening day registration in the history of the four year old summer program. He added that enrollment was high at all four playgrounds with Farmington the largest opening the day.

The supervisors at the various playgrounds are as follows: Mary Weaver and Dick Tyler, Farmington; Janet Wheaton and Larry Pink, Noble School; Ruth Hamlin, William Grace School; and Lore Leilig and Ed Klees at Bond School. In addition to a full schedule of trips to interesting and educational places throughout the Detroit Metropolitan Area, the program includes Red Cross swimming instruction, leathercraft, story telling, soft ball and organized play activities.

Make New Plans For Civil Defense Organization

Will Recruit Block Deputies

New plans for the Civil Defense program in the City and Township of Farmington were announced Monday by Charles Layton, newly appointed Civil Defense director.

Layton was appointed director after Victor Blakeslee resigned in May. Layton's plans center on the recruiting of deputies who will be assigned areas in the city and township. Functions of the deputies will be to make personal visits to all the homes in his or her area for the purpose of checking preparedness for aerial attack.

Included in the job would be making sure that every household knows what to do in case of atomic warfare, and has proper supplies and equipment on hand for use in an air attack.

MUST PREPARE

"Right now, nobody seems concerned with the possibility of a bombing raid," Layton said Monday. "But such an attack might occur at any time and we must be prepared to meet it," Layton added.

Layton said Monday that a meeting of the Civil Defense Council will be held within two weeks to further organize defense efforts. Meanwhile, he will accept applications for Civil Defense posts at his home. Layton lives at 33914 Niagara.

Other members of Farmington's Civil Defense Council include Joseph DeVriendt, city police chief and Civil Defense auxiliary police head; Leo Hendry, fire chief; "Bud" Mather, transportation director; James Tagg, Red Cross representative; Harley Walters, Detroit Edison; George Mayhew, Consumers Power; and a representative of the Bell Telephone Company.

25 ADDITIONAL HOME SITES TO BE OPENED IN CITY

Twenty-five lots on Wilmarth, State and Maple Streets, part of the Warner Estate, have been turned over to Harry S. Wolfe, Farmington Realtor, for homesteads. It was announced this week.

The individual lots will be handled by Wolfe while final details are being completed for the conversion of the Warner Farm into 250 homesteads. Wolfe stated last week that the first model homes to be built on the Warner Farm site will be located on South Farmington Road just south of Orchard Street. Construction of the homes will begin as soon as final survey of the property is completed. The model homes will be built by Harry E. Wolfe, Farmington builder.

According to Wolfe, the lots on Wilmarth, State and Maple will be sold to individuals or "custom home builders". He stated last week that 95% of the homes in the Warner Farm development would be sold to "custom home builders."

Finish Work On New Water Main

Work on the city's latest addition to the water system, an eight inch main from Prospect to Orchard Lake road along Shawwassee Street, is being completed this week as the last 20 fire hydrants are installed in the eastern section of the city.

When in operation, the new main will increase water pressure and provide city residents with a great volume of water for fire fighting. The new main will provide the entire system east of Orchard Lake Road with two supplies, one at the north end and one at the south end of the system.

The main is constructed of eight inch concrete asbestos pipe. Cost of the project has not been finally determined. The city purchased much of the material and Ivan Oliver, contractor, provided the rest of the material and all the labor.

The cost of the new main is being met by appropriation from the city's General Fund. The budget allocation for the main was \$10,000.

Earlier procurement and lower cost were reasons given for the use of concrete asbestos pipe in place of cast iron.

Oldest House Of Worship History Of Farmington Is Reflected In Story Of Universalist Church

(EDITOR'S NOTE) - The Universalist Church at Warner and Thomas Streets, Farmington's oldest house of worship, is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1953. Apropos of this centennial, The Enterprise is publishing a series of articles on the church's history, of which this is the first. Readers are advised to clip and save these articles. A limited number of extra copies of the Enterprise will be available for mailing to friends.

I. - LIBERTY

When the First Congress decreed in 1789 that freedom of religion should prevail in the Northwest Territory, it established an enduring pattern of life.

In Michigan, almost every religious denomination sprang up. (Even a Mormon church once thrived in Pontiac. Joseph Smith preached there in October 1824.)

Members of the same family often held varying religious views. One man would be a Presbyterian, his brother a Baptist and his father, perhaps, a Quaker or a Universalist.

The devout men who settled Farmington Township were quick to defend their concepts of religion,

Four Study With Wayne U. Band

Four Farmington High School students are attending the Wayne University band camp in Detroit.

Classes started last week for Dennis Cannara, Barbara McCoy, Patricia Sowers, and Kathleen Wedek. Dennis is leading on an individual basis while the three girls are being sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club on Scholarships.

Patricia Sowers won second chair in the alto Saxophone section in the 134 piece band. Barbara McCoy earned third chair in the French horn section out of a section of ten horns. Dennis Cannara placed in the second section out of twenty four clarinets.

The band is presenting a concert at the State Fair grounds on Wednesday, July 11, at 8:00 p.m. and another concert at Grand Circus Park at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. The group will be issued new light summer uniforms for the huge parade honoring Detroit's 250th birthday celebration on July 26th (Continued on Page 12)

FIVE INJURED IN STOP AND GO AUTO ACCIDENT

Five people received minor injuries Sunday afternoon in a stop and go accident typical of the heavy traffic west of Farmington.

In the accident at 2:30 p.m. on U. S. 16 east of Drake Road, Mike Perinjan and his wife, Louise, and Mrs. G. Decker, Frank Edman and Edith Melkian received bruises and abrasions and were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment. All are from Highland Park.

The five were riding in a car driven by Perinjan which was involved in a collision with cars driven by Elwood H. Johnson, 30, of Detroit, and Marvin G. Decker, 45, also of Detroit.

Township Officer Phil Kempelman said the Decker car had stopped because of a minor traffic accident ahead. The Perinjan car was directly behind Decker's, and the Johnson car followed.

Charles Larson Named New Legion Commander

Charles Larson has been named Commander of the Groves - Walker Chapter of Farmington Legion #1, announced this week following the annual election of officers at the Legion Home.

Thomas Barber was elected Senior Vice-Commander, Anna Frank Barber was named Junior Vice-Commander of Post 346. Other newly elected officers include Joseph DeVriendt, Jr., Sergeant at Arms; Steward G. Decker, Chaplain, and Al Lint, Jr., Historian.

Sign Of Smoother Street Surface

The sight of trucks spreading stone became common in Farmington recently when the city started work on a program to heat and smooth out the rough spots on Farmington's scarred city streets. Men of the Howell Construction Company spread asphalt oil before laying a coat of crushed stone on the streets. Repetition of the oil and stone process builds up a tough, hard surface. Other streets were being broken up and graded this week as the program neared completion.

