



AROUND THE BLOCK

THERE COULD BE... far worse things happen than winning \$5,000 in a contest. Despite the anticipated "tussle" with the infernal revenues and dozens of eager salesmen, a contribution like that could be used by practically anybody. We notice, however, that Miss Marion Kellogg, who just won that amount, will share the loot with the Universalist Church. A commendable action and one not repeated often these days. What we admire, however, is Miss Kellogg's attitude toward the whole thing. Whenever we enter a contest we're on pins and needles until the winners are announced.

ALL THAT RAIN...

Last Friday brought out the weeds and our sympathies for the beleaguered Detroit Edison forces. We visited the office as soon as the water subsided so we wouldn't be washed away, and found the whole office struggling with the 120 phone calls they received. We were a little miffed at the Edison people, too. We found a service truck parked near a broken line and immediately formed plans for photographing the stalwart crews as they battled the elements to return electrical service. The part that miffed us was that they turned out to be tree trimmers, likewise waiting for a powerline crew.

PERHAPS...

Another effect of the storm was the grounding of a carrier pigeon in the Chief Joe DeWent's game. Joe noticed the weak, tired and hungry bird Monday night and made plans to feed, rest it and return it to its journey. Much speculation is going on about what brought the bird there, with the idea that the bird was grounded by the storm the most prominent. Last we saw of it, it was resting comfortably and looking over train timetables. Evidently had enough flying.

THERE SHOULD...

be some worthwhile entertainment provided next Friday when the Farmington recreation program comes to an end with the annual fireworks. In addition to this, the participants are sure to derive, the audience ought to get a bang out of it, too. We're thinking specifically of such items as the pie-eating contest. All in all, the summer program this year has been bigger and better than ever. There have been more of the Skinned Kneed and Loose Tooth test taking part than ever before, and they have enjoyed the activities that have heretofore been provided. However, if more transportation could be found to bring the youngsters to the playfields from outlying areas in the township, we'll bet participation per day would double.

WITH THE APPEARANCE...

of the new road surface east of the city this week, encouragement comes for the battered motorists wearing out their springs and shock absorbers on the pockmarked Grand River Avenue. Now that work of having the area smoothed out, we cross our fingers every time we see what's left of what once was Farmington Road. A little of that resurfacing wouldn't hurt that stretch of roadway, either. Understand it's in the mill for this year, but haven't seen any definite announcement from the State Highway Department yet.

GOOD NEWS...

to the average driver and shopper in Farmington was announced Monday. The news was that William Elliott has agreed to allow the property on South Farmington Road and State Street as a public parking lot. The property is convenient to the main shopping center and should go a long way toward relieving the congestion, particularly on Friday evenings. The kind of cooperation displayed by Mr. Elliott is what makes any community a better place to come. While we should help the average shopper, we should have you noticed the increased number of cars in the city parking space next to Precise Tool Company? It apparently is being voiced around because more and more people are using it, particularly for all day parking. Establishment of the new parking lot and increased use of the older one should help the average shopper considerably as well as the merchants and the community.

AS WE RUSH...

to chilling thought bits us. In fact, we hate to mention it at all, but fact is fact. In just about another month school will be opening again, the football season will be on and vacation time will be a pleasant memory. But before you get too down-hearted, remember this. There is always a new experience tomorrow. We appreciate and enjoy vacations only because they become a memory every day in the year—oh if we did they would be very boring. Which is probably a rather round-about way of saying that another month is here.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS...

to Angus Leitch, Farmington's new City Manager. He is a man of considerable experience in the operation of Municipal Government and should do a real job for the citizens of the City. The full cooperation of every resident is necessary if Farmington is to prosper and grow and prosper. We want to publicly congratulate Mr. Leitch on his appointment and pledge our cooperation in the interest of the continuing development of a more efficient and progressive city government.

Students To Visit Greenfield Village

Youngsters from the Clarenceville Recreation Program will visit Greenfield Village this Friday as the highlight of a full week's activity, Joseph Markell, director, announced this week.

The school bus will leave for Greenfield Village from the Clarenceville High School at 9:00 a.m. Markell stated that there is a 30c fare for youngsters under 11 years of age and a 60c fare for boys and girls over 11 years. A second group will visit Greenfield Village next Friday. The high school playgroup is to remain in the city, youngsters who do not make the trip.

The elementary program will be conducted at the Edgewood School and at Smith's Lot on Monday. A session of Arts and Crafts classes will also be held Monday from 4:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Clarenceville High School. Individual music lessons will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the station (twirling) from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

On Tuesday at noon the girls will go to Kent Lake for Red Cross swimming instruction. The elementary program will be held at the Central Church, Miss Kellogg and her program committee for the Town Club's annual card party are busy searching for financial allies for souvenirs of old Farmington.

This year's card party, to be held September 15 in the school gym from 2 to 5 p.m., will be an old fashioned tea party featuring a variety of refreshments. There will be dresses worn by early settlers, maps and pictures of the early Farmington area and buildings.

Townpeople who have such souvenirs as old photographs and maps will be willing to loan to the show and are being asked to call Mrs. Stoll at 3027-W. All the items will be handled with care and returned safely to the owners.

Mrs. Cyril Berger of 10 Mile Road attended the silver jubilee of her aunt, a run at Riverside Illinois, on July 29.

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FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW MANAGER

Wading Pool Refreshing - For Kids



The wading pool at Farmington playground still commanded its share of youngsters' attention Friday afternoon despite the gathering of storm clouds. The crowd stayed at the pool until they were nearly flooded by the downpour that inundated Farmington's wading water over the sidewalks as curbs and gutters overflowed.

Summer Program's Last Week Brings Swimming Tests, Day Long Picnic

Playday Slated For August 10

An all-day picnic and play session, the Red Cross "graduation" of trained swimmers are scheduled for youngsters in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer program next week when the summer program comes to a conclusion.

All the playgrounds will visit Crystal Pool for recreational swimming this Friday and next Monday. The same schedule will be used both days, with the bus leaving Bond School at 12, Farmington at 12:15, Noble at 1 p.m. and William Grace at 1:15 p.m.

Entertainment for the day-long session will feature a track meet, a pie eating contest, bubble gum contest, penny scrambles, wheel barrow race, three legged race, and similar activities.

Summer Band Draws Large Registration

More students were registered for this year's summer band than last year. Farmington music director Lloyd Smith reported this week. The summer band sessions are being offered daily at the Farmington band house from nine a.m. to 12 noon.

At the Bond and Noble schools, the classes are being given in the afternoons at 1 p.m. Sections meet at the Bond School on Mondays and Fridays, and at the Noble School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Farmington Asked To Help Red Cross Appeals For Funds To Aid Mid-West Flood Victims

What would happen if your home, your business and your future were washed down the river in a giant flood?

Thousands of unknown friends and neighbors all over the nation would come to your aid through the American Red Cross. It is happening before and it is happening to the people in devastated Kansas and Missouri. Americans from all over the nation are becoming unknown friends and neighbors.

You are being given the same opportunity to be a real friend through the Oakland and Wayne County Chapters of the American Red Cross. Dr. Robert W. Kelso, Pleasant Ridge, chairman of the Oakland County Flood Disaster Campaign, stated that the Oakland County Red Cross quota has been set at \$25,316. He has urged the Oakland County to do our share to relieve the suffering caused by this terrible flood. Flood waters have shown no mercy, but we can be steady.

A total of 68 chapters are actively engaged in furnishing volunteers to assist the 173 Disaster Workers furnished by the Red Cross. Thousands are being and housed in Red Cross shelters and it is essential that the flood areas be rebuilt at once. Dr. Kelso stated that: "Industrial plants and community facilities have been leveled at a time when the country can ill afford disruption."

"Oakland County will give generously in this campaign to Mobilize for Mercy," Dr. Kelso stated. Send your contribution to the Oakland County Chapter, 5334 West Huron Street, Pontiac, or 307 West Sixth Street, Royal Oak.

Residents of Wayne County are urged to send their contribution to the Wayne County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 153 East Elizabeth Street, Detroit 1, Michigan. John A. Greene, president of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, is chairman of the Special Red Cross Drive in the Detroit area. He stated this week that the quota for the Detroit area has been set at \$12,400 for the relief of flood sufferers.

Red Cross officials stated that the government will assume the responsibility of restoring great public utilities, but the business of helping individual families to stay together and to get back on their self-supporting feet is the job assigned to the Red Cross. President Truman has urged citizens to appeal to all Americans to give to this humanitarian cause. The National Red Cross quota has been set at \$5,000,000.

Clarenceville Receives Federal School Aid Grant

District Gets \$21,295 - For School Operation

The Clarenceville School District has received \$21,295.96 in Federal Aid for school maintenance and operation. It was announced Tuesday by Louis Schmidt, superintendent.

This aid money was received as a result of the survey conducted last October in which the District canvassed the students to determine how many were living in the area as a result of war activities. The rate established was \$80.00 per child in average daily attendance in the Clarenceville Schools. It was established that the average attendance of these children was 350.

The money, according to the program, is earmarked for items of maintenance and school operation. It will be used for salaries, instructional materials, and general operating. It can not be used for capital outlay. The aid is furnished under Federal Public Act 874 of 1939, and should not be confused with the Public Act governing the construction of new school buildings. The Clarenceville Board of Education argued with the school building department, Schmidt stated that at the present time it appears that aid for new construction will depend entirely upon additional funds which would have to be appropriated by the congress.

CONTINUE SURVEY

It will be necessary that the School District continue its survey of students to keep the records up to date on the maintenance and operating aid, Schmidt pointed out. This will be particularly true for the school year.

Adjourn Second Hearing On Road

Objectors to the proposed special assessment district for paving Oxford Street to Farmington townships asked for and received a second adjournment of the public hearing on the special assessment. The hearing has been adjourned to August 8. The original hearing was slated for July 24 but was adjourned.

A petition was circulated on the street asking for a special assessment district to pay for an asphalt road. However, many of the property owners on the street who signed the original petition have now changed their minds and wish to withdraw.

The Township Board told the group assembled at Tuesday night's meeting it would be necessary for the objectors to be present at the August 8 meeting or the petition for the special assessment district would stand.

Cost of the paving to the property owners will be about \$22 per front foot, exclusive of the cost of building driveway culverts.

Since the circulation of the petition, much of the property on Oxford Street has changed hands. The Anbut Hotel chain has purchased (Continued on Page Twelve)

Defense Council To Meet August 16

The first meeting of the newly re-organized Farmington Area Civil Defense Council will be held Thursday evening, August 16, at the Farmington Municipal Building, Charles Layton, director of the council, announced this week.

Layton stated that the meeting is being called for the purpose of defining the various needs of the community as far as civilian defense is concerned as well as organizing the appointment of the various council members. Layton has indicated that deputies will be recruited from specific areas of the city. The meeting is to be held at homes in his or her area to impress on residents the necessity of preparing. These deputies would also assist in the preparation for an emergency.

Authorization has been granted for the transfer of approximately \$200 from the World War II civil defense program to the new organization. The \$200 is the balance of the fund raised for civilian defense purposes during the last year. August 16, September 9, Joseph Markell, council member, announced Monday.

Garden Club To Visit Kensington Park

Members of the Farmington Garden Club will visit Kensington Metropolitan Park next Monday, August 6, with Mr. James Smith, landscape architect, as speaker.

Mrs. Fred Harrison, chairman of the trip, stated that the visit will not be postponed if it is weather is inclement, as there is adequate shelter at the park. Members are requested to bring their sandwiches. Coffee and dessert will be served by the hostesses.

Mrs. Harrison will be assisted by Mrs. Dolores Hamilton, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. S. J. Heaney and Mrs. Philip Henuat. Those desiring transportation are requested to contact Mrs. Glenn Leland or Mrs. John Grant. Members will meet at the Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

Clarenceville Band Invited To State Fair

The Clarenceville High School Band has received an invitation to participate in the Michigan State Fair August 31. Joseph Markell, band director, announced Monday.

Markell stated that the exact date has not been designated as yet. The Clarenceville Band along with bands from other high schools in Michigan, has participated annually in the Fair. A grant payable to the band as well as a ticket in the band shell on the State Fair Grounds.

The band director stated that rehearsals for the Clarenceville band will be held every day from August 20 to 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School gym. All members of the band are urged to attend the rehearsals.

Angus Leitch To Assume New Duties As Manager Immediately

The Farmington City Council, at a special session held Monday evening at the Municipal Building, unanimously approved the hiring of Angus Leitch as the new City Manager.

Mayor Kenneth Loomis was directed to notify Leitch of his appointment, effective immediately. The Council also approved a motion to employ the new City Manager at a salary of \$5,000 per year. Loomis stated that he expected Leitch would take over his new duties immediately.

The new manager was born in Scotland in May, 1885, and moved to Canada at the age of 14. He received his minimum education in the Ontario schools and was naturalized as an American citizen in Sandusky, Michigan, in 1906. He attended Toronto University as a Mechanical Engineering student. Leitch received his field experience with public utilities companies.

He held the position of City Superintendent at Charlevoix, Michigan, for 7 years. During that period he installed a new modern accounting and budget system as well as laying out and supervising the construction of a new airport.

Grand River Accident Fatal To Youth, 16

Thomas Marshall Linhart, 16, of Brighton, was killed Friday evening when he was struck by a car on US-15 just west of Noyah.

The youth was struck as he helped his uncle, Joseph E. Smith of Brighton, re-light warning flares which had been set out by contractors repairing the pavement. The flares had been extinguished by heavy rains.

The driver of the car, Frank D. Bender, Milford, was held by the State Police for investigation of negligent homicide, but later released with no charges against him. Bender's car was eastbound at the time of the accident.

The Oakland County coroner was called to the scene and pronounced the boy dead. The body was taken to the Schrader Funeral Home in Northville.

Boy Struck Down While Lighting Flares

The youth, originally from out of state, was staying with his uncle at 11620 East Grand River Avenue, Brighton. The uncle is employed by the Cooke Construction Company of Detroit.

The accident took place shortly before 8:30 p.m. Friday evening.

LEAVES SCENE

Albert Eberhart of 2136 Poinelana, Detroit, was summoned before the Council (Continued on Page Seven)

KINDERGARTENERS TO BE CANVASSED AT CLARENCEVILLE

Clarenceville's proposed canvass of Kindergarten registrants got underway Tuesday when a preliminary organizational meeting was held at the high school.

The canvass, will be made to determine the number of kindergarten students to be enrolled in September. According to Superintendent Louis Schmidt, at least a 35% increase from last year's enrollment of 136 is expected.

The canvassers will contact families having eligible youngsters according to census reports, and will try to call on families which have moved into the Clarenceville area since the census was completed.

Organization of the program is being done by the health committee of the Clarenceville Parent Teachers Association, under the leadership of Mrs. William Bradley.

Record Group Enjoys Boat Trip

Nearly 500 students from Farmington, Clarenceville and Milford participated in the Annual Boat Trip to Grand Island, Wednesday.

Lloyd Smith, Farmington band director, announced Monday.

Four bus loads of Farmington youngsters made the trip, plus two bus loads from Clarenceville and Milford.

Janet Wheaton, Farmington playground supervisor, acted as master of ceremonies for the amateur show, which was held at Grand Island. A large audience in the community singing led by Pat Patrick.

Sylvia Bates, Farmington pianist, was voted the best pianist in the amateur show. Joan Rosenbaum earned second prize with her vocal rendition of "Strawberry Lane", and Gladys Korman won third place with her rendition of "Wednesday".

The amateur show, students enjoyed the various recreational activities available on the island.

Smith stated the most successful of the directors of the various recreational areas. Students and directors are beginning to make plans for an even bigger and better trip next year.

It's Coming Closer To Farmington

Coming closer all the time are the paving facilities of the Cooke Contracting Company, builders of the new surface on Grand River Avenue. More than half of the first coat of bituminous concrete was placed on the Redford - Farmington stretch of the highway last week. The job is expected to be completed by October 1.

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