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TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVES NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

AROUND THE BLOCK

A ROUGH WINTER IS AHEAD . . . or maybe it is already here. This isn't our prediction, a bird told us! We quit making predictions on the weather a long time ago, we are just repeating now. The bird we are talking about is a big black crow and a very wise bird is he. Last Monday he came bearing in over town and found himself a comfortable spot on Farmington Road right in front of the office, just outside of the flow of traffic of course. In between telling us what a rough time he has been having, he munched on various tidbits he found along the curb. Not exactly the thing befitting of a respectable bird, but very necessary just the same. It seems that the heavy snow has sort of cut down the stock in the crow pantry, requiring bold trips into the city in search of nourishment, and so early too. Yep, it is going to be a rough winter and that comes straight from the crow because as he flew away we definitely heard him say "Caw, Caw" (translated means "I'll be back.")

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THE NOTORIETY . . . of our new city jail has become wide-spread already. No, nobody has cut themselves out already or anything like that. In fact, it is just the opposite — it seems no one has been locked in. The Detroit Free Press Monday morning came out with a picture of Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt standing before an open door of one of the new cells with a vacancy sign on the door. We don't believe the police are quite that anxious to fill the cells, although they are pretty nice, for cells, that is. We stuck our head in the other day but took the precaution of looking behind us before we did. So if you happen to take a minute or two off to look over the new police department and court rooms in the remodeled fire hall building, don't get too close to the jail doors, you might find yourself locking out instead of in.

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THIS IS THE DAY . . . hunters start shooting at the four-footed venison steaks floating around the woods. Thursday, November 15, is the day and it is by far the major attraction on the sports calendar this time of the year. From the talk around the pot belly stove, nearly everybody and their brother will be stalking the antlers. Of course, you don't have to go too far, there are plenty of venison steaks in southern Michigan. The legal firearms are shot guns in the southern counties while the northern hunters can use rifles. The third kind of hunters, archers they are called, have been having a bit of tough luck. It seems in two counties at least with deer who know men best they'd rather get hit by a car than an arrow. Maybe they will take to the shotguns and rifles better, or worse, depending on which side of the gun you are standing. But regardless of the deer's feelings, the firearm season begins this Thursday and continues for a sixteen day period.

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THE STARS AND STRIPES . . . was noticeable by its absence last Monday along the streets of Farmington. Although Armistice Day was actually on Sunday, Monday was celebrated as the legal holiday. The two dates may have been somewhat responsible for the absence of Old Glory. Then, too, there was the rain in the air during the afternoon and the piles of snow along the curbs covering many of the flag holders in the sidewalks up and down main street. But regardless of the reasons, the flags should have been flying. We missed them, did you?

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IT'S CLOSED AGAIN . . . or maybe we should say yet. We are referring to that section of Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Eight Mile Road. They are really giving it a good going over. The road is closed off during the working hours but is open during the late afternoon and evening. However, just as a tip, take it easy when the barricades are down. We all want a nice smooth section of road and we don't want any accidents in the process. And speaking of closed roads and near closed roads, we wonder how many people got (or took) a chance to test their car's endurance on McGee hill last week following the big snow. Seems like there ought to be a permanent hydraulic pull rope of some kind put at the top of the hill to pull cars to the top.

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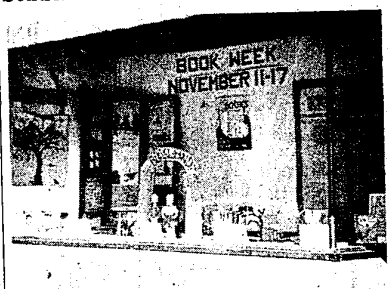
LET'S GET BEHIND IT . . . and push. The "It" is the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest Drive. Farmington's campaign has been extended to November 24 to allow additional time for canvassing. The primary bug-a-boo seems to be the business and industrial areas of the City and Township. These areas have been made the responsibility of the various service clubs in the community. The residential sections have been covered very thoroughly by volunteer solicitors who have gone out in all kinds of weather to knock on doors. The bulk of the contributions received to date have come from these small contributions. The businessmen and service clubs of the community have an equal if not greater stake in the future welfare of the Farmington area — a future that is dependent to a large extent on the success of this drive. But it is not too late — let's get behind it and get the job done.

Students Mark National Book Week



In recognition of National Children's Book Week which is being celebrated from November 11 to 17, students, teachers and parents of the Noble School District have prepared this special window at Hatton's Hardware. The colorful window display was designed by the students of the Noble School with the help of Mr. Kenneth Lachmann and Noble School teachers. Mrs. William Wilson and Mrs. Samuel Turner, members of the Noble Parent Teachers Association, assisted in the arranging of the window. The Noble P.T.A. has donated in the past two years over $600 for children's books.

Approve Drafting Of Plans For New Grade Schools

Clarenceville Board Begins Detailed Study

The Clarenceville Board of Education authorized Eberle Smith, Associates, school architect, to proceed with plans and specifications for the two new elementary schools and high school addition, it was announced following the regular meeting of the Board Monday evening.

Plans and specifications will be prepared for a 13 classroom elementary school and a seven classroom grade school as well as the high school addition. The Board explained that there will of necessity be a considerable amount of time given to the study of the plans and specifications before approval. One of the grade schools is to be constructed in the southeast section of the District and the other in the northwest section.

DISCUSS BONDS

The Board discussed the band program in terms of the amount of bonds to be sold at the present time, the amount of interest which they would be willing to accept or reserve the right to reject and the matter of callable or term bonds or a combination of the two. No definite conclusions were reached by the Board at the meeting. It is anticipated that after a study of the bond market a resolution will be authorized in the very near future in order that the District may proceed as soon as possible with the building program.

Authorization was granted by the Board for the purchase of portable flasher signals to be used on Middlebelt and Eight Mile Road during the hours when students are going to and from school.

Notice has been received that the school bus recently purchased by the Board has arrived and will be available for service this week. The new bus is a replacement for the oldest bus in the school district's fleet.

Clerk Receives Requests For Petition Forms Calling For A Referendum Vote On The Ordinance

Registered Voters Have 30 Days To File Election Petitions

The Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night unanimously approved a resolution adopting the Township Zoning Ordinance as filed by the zoning board.

According to law the ordinance will become effective 30 days after legal publication unless petitions bearing a sufficient number of signatures are filed with the clerk calling for a referendum vote on the ordinance. The Board stated that registered voters have 30 days from the date of passage of the ordinance to file petitions requesting a vote.

The complete text of the ordinance, including the zoning map, must be published within ten days after it has been adopted by the Board. The complete ordinance will be published in The Farmington Enterprise next week.

WILL FILE PETITIONS

Immediately after the adoption of the ordinance, Frank Gossett, 36856 12 Mile Road, and Ovila Godin, 37441 Grand River Cut-Off, requested petitions from the Township Clerk. Gossett stated that he was not expressing himself either for or against the ordinance but that he felt a matter as important as this should be brought to a vote of the people. Gossett added that the area where he lives has been left unzoned. Godin emphasized the point that all of the people should be given an opportunity to vote on such a matter as zoning.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that he would have petitions available Wednesday afternoon at the Township offices. He stated that petitions must bear the signatures of registered voters totaling at least 8% of the number of votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election held in the township. McCracken pointed out that this means the combined number of signatures required will amount to between 200 and 250 signatures.

A resolution was filed with the Township Clerk from the Clarenceville School Board protesting the increased number of trailer camps in the School District and requesting that the Board take some action to halt the increase. McCrack-

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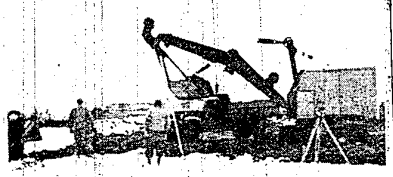
Work Begins On New 10 Mile School



A steam shovel cuts into the cold wet ground as work continues on the excavation for the new Farmington Township School District's Ten Mile Road elementary school. The new building is being constructed on the east side of the present elementary school. The building is the first school unit to be built under the $1,750,000 Farmington school building program. Other units will include additions to the Bond and Middlebelt Schools as well as a new high school building. Our Lady of Sorrows School on Power Road can be seen in the background of the picture between the two workmen.

Farmington United Fund Campaign Extended To Saturday, November 24

Total Shows $5,245.39 In Cash And Pledges Turned In To Date On $8,500 Quota

Farmington's 1951 United Fund and Community Chest Drive has been extended until Saturday, November 24, to allow more complete coverage of the community, it was announced Monday evening following a special meeting of canvassers.

John Hulett, chairman of the Farmington campaign, stated that special emphasis would be placed on the coverage of the business and industrial sections of the City and Township. It was pointed out that excellent coverage has been accomplished in the residential sections of both the City and Township of Farmington.

NEAR 62% OF QUOTA

John Hunt, treasurer, stated at the meeting that a total of $5,245.39 has been received to date in cash and pledges. This represents 61.7% of the 1951 Farmington quota. Hunt also pointed out that this is more actual money than has ever been collected in a United Fund Drive in the Farmington community. According to the breakdown of funds presented by Hunt, the city residential collections total $1,610.65 to date; the Township residential solicitations amount to $2,534.74; business and industrial collections total $991.00 and a pledge of $120 was reported from the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hunt stated that one or two areas of the Township still had to be covered. He also emphasized that the $5,245.39 represents only cash and pledges actually turned in. Several persons attending the meeting Monday stated that some additional funds had been reported by solicitors who had not actually turned over the money as yet.

The Farmington Drive includes 36 State-wide United Fund Agen-

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V. F. W. AUXILIARY PLANS COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES

"Know Your Community" is the title of a new adult education program which will open Wednesday, November 24, under the sponsorship of the Farmington V. F. W. Auxiliary.

The first meeting will be a dinner and trip through the Boy's Reformatory on Inkster Road. The group will meet at the Baldwin Building at the Boys Republic at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Republic and will cost 90 cents.

Mrs. Thomas Tardy stated that everyone in the community is invited to participate in the program. The purpose of the adult education classes is to give every resident of the Farmington area a better opportunity to know their community.

Reservations for the Boys Republic trip can be made by calling either Mrs. William Carpenter at Farmington 0410 or Mrs. Tardy at MAyfair 6-3059. Additional trips to other places of interest in the community are being planned.

Rent Decontrol Motion Approved

A resolution calling for the decontrol of rent in Farmington Township was approved by members of the Farmington Township Board at a hearing held Tuesday evening.

The Board unanimously approved the resolution following a brief discussion and vote among the residents present for the hearing. Two persons spoke against rent control in the Township before Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, called for a poll of the residents. The vote was 17 against continued rent control and none in favor of its continuance.

According to the resolution, the Clerk is directed to file the resolution with the Federal Housing Authority seeking approval of rent decontrol. The resolution must first be passed on by the Housing Authority before it becomes effective. The City of Farmington lifted controls several months ago.

The Township Board approved a resolution on May 14, 1951, seeking the lifting of rent controls but the resolution was returned because the Board failed to give legal notice of the hearing ten days prior to the meeting date. Therefore a new hearing had to be called and advertised in accordance with the provisions set up by the housing authority.

City Police Move To New Quarters

The Farmington City Police Department is now operating from its new office in the fire hall building on Liberty Street, Angus Leitch, City Manager, announced Monday.

Moving of the police department began last week end and was completed Monday. The radio transmitter was the first piece of equipment to be moved. Leitch stated that all police business, with the exception of the drivers' license bureau, would be handled out of the new office. The issuing of drivers' licenses will continue to be taken care of in the present Municipal Building. The police phone number is the same as before, Farmington 0036.

The Justice Court, which will be located on the second floor of the remodeled building, is expected to be moved some time this week. Adjacent to the police department on the ground floor is a series of cells for overnight lock-up.

CAGERS OPEN PRACTICE SESSIONS AT CLARENCEVILLE

Basketball practice opened last week at the Clarenceville High School with approximately 35 candidates turning out for the first session, Bob Sielke, Trojan coach, stated this week.

Of this 35, six are returning lettermen from last year's squad. They include J. Whyte, E. Rousseaux, J. Albert, R. Robitaille, J. Faler and W. Christensen.

Clarenceville will open its 1951-52 cage schedule Tuesday, December 4, against South Lyon at the South Lyon High School gymnasium. The Trojans will play 14 regular games during the season.

Board Approves Plans For New High School Unit

Building To Include 22 Classrooms

The Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District approved the preliminary drawings of the new high school building to be erected on Shiawassee near Orchard Lake Road at their regular meeting Monday night.

Representing Eberle Smith Associates, school architect, Mr. Tarapatta presented the original outline of the building to the board members. The new school building will face Shiawassee. It is based on a U-shaped scheme and has provision for expansion. Public centers will be grouped together. The music department will be at one end, home economics and shop departments will be at the other end and class rooms in the middle. In all, the proposed structure will have 22 rooms. At the present time approximately $500,000 has been set as the building cost.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel reported he had received numerous requests and complaints about the use of school buses. Youth organizations have requested use of the buses to transport their members to activities while bus companies feel this is infringing on their business. The Farmington School District is following a Michigan Department of Public Instruction regulation which states that buses may be used only for school activi-

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Falcon Cagers Open Practice

A total of 60 candidates turned out for the first practice session of the Farmington High School basketball team held last Monday afternoon, Bob Burtch, new Falcon cage coach, announced Tuesday.

Burtch, who succeeds Robert Hutton as varsity coach, stated that the varsity squad would be cut to 15 boys before the opening of the cage season. The coach stated that there are a total of six lettermen returning from last year's tournament squad. These include G. Shaw; N. Raupp, J. Mansfield, C. Dryden and D. Brown, seniors, and D. Tyler, a junior.

The Falcons will open their 1951-52 season on November 30 when they play host to Wayne High School on the Farmington floor. Included in the schedule is a home to home series with River Rouge, one of the toughest Class "B" teams in the state. This year's Interlakes Conference league will be composed of Walled Lake, Keego Harbor, Berkley and Farmington. Milford and Holly have dropped from the conference. Farmington will play Waterford and Bentley, new members of the league, but these games will have no bearing on the final standings.

Mr. Picke will take over the duties of junior varsity coach, formerly held by Burtch. Hutton is now varsity basketball coach at Romeo High School.

Senior Play Set For Saturday

The Farmington High School Class of 1952 will present the annual Senior Play, "Here Comes Charlie!", this Saturday, November 17, at the high school gymnasium.

Curtain time has been set for 8:15 p.m. "Here Comes Charlie!" is a hilarious comedy which is woven around the happenings when Charlie, a hillbilly girl from the Ozarks comes to live with the socially prominent Elliotts.

Charlie is played by Sally DeLong with Charles Tulip playing Larry Elliott. Charlie's Uncle Aleck (Carl Dryden), who becomes butler at the Elliott home, provides a laugh with every line. Mrs. Farnham (Arlene Aho) and Vivian Smythe-Kersey (Ruth Jones), Larry's fiance, go into hysterics every time they don't have their own way.

Other members of the cast include Mrs. Smythe-Kersey (Carolyn Gardner), a social climber who is trying to get Vivian married to Larry for his money; Mortimer Smythe-Kersey (Norman Raupp), who is utterly bored with everything; Ted Hartley (Eugene Mc-

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Clarenceville Plans Open House At Three Schools

All three schools of the Clarenceville School District will be open to residents of the area this Tuesday evening, November 20, starting at 8:00 p.m.

According to Mrs. Leon Bury, president of the Clarenceville P.T.A., the open house will substitute for the regular November Parent Teachers meeting. All parents of Clarenceville students are urged to attend the open house in order to meet the teachers, see the school rooms and the work that is being done.

Members of the membership committee will be at the Central, Edgewood and high schools to register any parents who are not members of the Clarenceville P. T. A.

PLAN OPEN HOUSE AT FARMINGTON SCHOOLS TUESDAY

Farmington parents are invited to attend an open house at the Ten Mile Elementary School and the Farmington High School on Tuesday evening, November 20, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Parent Teachers Association.

The open house is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. The regular P. T. A. business meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the high school.

At the Ten Mile Road School, the teacher and a room mother will be present in each room during the open house, with the room mother acting as hostess. Coffee and cookies, provided by the room mothers, will be served in each room. The children's work will be on display for the visitors.

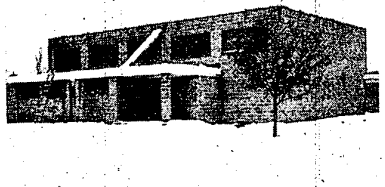
Members of the Student Council will serve as guides for tours of the high school building. Coffee and cookies will be served in the gymnasium by high school room mothers. Miss Brandenberg, school librarian, will have children's books on display in the library. Books may be purchased by parents the evening of the open house.

Miss Sitko and Mr. Christensen assisted the P. T. A. Board in arranging the open house.

Early Copy!

Next Thursday, November 22, is Thanksgiving Day and for that reason next week's Enterprise will appear in mail boxes and on the news stands on Wednesday instead of Thursday. That means early news and advertising copy. Because of the earlier publication date all material must be in a day earlier—Monday copy Saturday, Tuesday copy Monday, etc. The Enterprise staff will appreciate your cooperation in getting us home for Thanksgiving turkey too!

Novi Civic Center Nears Completion



Work is continuing on the new Novi Community Center, located adjacent to the Novi School on the Walled Lake Road. It is expected that the Center will be completed in December. Funds are still being sought to completely equip the kitchen and dining room, fund chairman George Atkinson stated. The goal has been set at $7,000. The building was started early last summer and is to be used for community gatherings and will be available to private groups. When completed it will contain a total of 4,008 square feet, and is being constructed at a cost of approximately $35,000. The amount for the building has been raised through community-sponsored fund raising activities: Fund raising committee members are Atkinson, Russell Race and Charles Trickey. Persons desiring to contribute to the fund are requested to make checks payable to Novi Township. The Township owns the building.

PLAN UNITED THANKSGIVING CHURCH SERVICE

Three Farmington churches will join this Wednesday evening, November 21, in the annual United Thanksgiving Service to be held this year at the First Baptist Church, Rev. David Lowe, Baptist minister, announced Tuesday.

The three churches participating in the united service include the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the First Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church. The special religious service is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Everyone in the Farmington community is invited to participate in the United Thanksgiving observance.

Rev. Lowe, new minister of the Baptist Church, will be the main speaker at the service. Special music will be presented.

Club To Hold Benefit

To Aid Woman Who Lost Canaries, Parakeets By Suffocation In Fire

The situation is improving for Mrs. Albertine Dompierre of 21521 Waldron who lost several hundred birds, canaries and parakeets, when they were suffocated by a fire which damaged her bird aviary last Tuesday.

Persons have given her nine parakeets. The Smith - Tupper Lumber Company has offered to furnish materials for rebuilding of the aviary. On November 21 a bird club will hold a party in her honor to aid in getting her started again.

Mrs. Dompierre, who lost an estimated $5,000 in the fire, had no insurance on the building or her birds. Her daughter reported she started out with several hundred birds two years ago following the death of Mr. Dompierre. Although Mrs. Dompierre kept about the same number of birds all the time, she kept improving the quality of her birds and at the time of the fire had many unusual specimens.

Many of the birds destroyed were chicks that had been born a short time before. It takes 18 days for eggs to hatch and six weeks for the birds to reach maturity.

Mrs. Dompierre has been sick much of the week because of the shock of the fire. As one parakeet owner said, "a parakeet is just a bird but somehow they have a winning way that gets into your heart."

Specimens from Mrs. Dompierre's birds were to have appeared in a United Budgerigar Society bird show last Saturday at Convention Hall and she had planned to breed her pairs and raise another group of young the first part of next year — plans that were destroyed by the fire.

The fire started when a box of sawdust ignited after being placed near an electric heater to warm it for the birds. The birds had been her livelihood for two years.

Anyone desiring to donate help or funds may contact Mrs. Ira Wing at 21521 Waldron or by phoning Farmington 0962-W. Mrs. Wing is Mrs. Dompierre's daughter.

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