

# FARMINGTON

THRU .... BIFOCALS

By FRED DELANO

NOT THAT you missed us, but we've been away.

Vacation ended as it started, with an inch-and-a-half bluegill dangling on the end of the line and a hissing horse at the DRC.

It was a vacation of certain highlights. Included was attendance for four days at one of the best Jaycees' promotions, the national Teen Age Safe-Driving Road-E-O, listening to an inspirational speech by Jesse Owens, who should move into this gilded ghetto to give it a touch of class; affirmation that my wife was not pregnant after all; the sale of one house and purchase of another, plus adoption of a four-week-old female—all black.

When I think of it, I must send her registered papers to the American Kennel Club. The dog's, not my wife's.

NOW THAT THAT'S OVER, it's birthday season at our house. Dave will be 25 this weekend, Bob will hit 11 on Sept. 20, and Betty will make it as an eight-year-old on Armistice Day. That's why I told her mother on the day Betty was born not to expect a boy; after all, there are no male deliveries on a holiday.

We're going to have a particular type of birthday party which, for once, is the sort of Dad will enjoy. The tickets already are in hand to take the clan to see the pennant-bound Tigers meet the New York Yankees the night of Sept. 18.

There could well be a special significance to this game, for it's likely to be the final appearance in Detroit of Mickey Mantle as an active player.

Seventeen years ago, when Mantle broke in, this writer was pounding out a daily sports column for a living, and my scrapbook shows that on April 18, 1951 I made some comments about Mantle that went as follows:

"WHEN THE CRY of 'Play Ball' echoed through the vastness of Yankee Stadium yesterday, and New York's Vic Raschi stretched to deliver the first pitch in defense of the Bombers' world championship, a 19-year-old youngster was in right field, defending the acre where the mighty Ruth once ruled supreme.

"Few men have known the thrill that most certainly was Mickey Mantle's at that moment.

"There he was, a kid only months out of high school and almost completely unknown when he reported to Manager Casey Stengel's school for rookies two months ago, in a lineup that included such names as DiMaggio, Berra, Rizzuto, Mize and Raschi.

"In the space of a very few weeks this youthful star with the potent bat and fleet feet has become one of baseball's most fabled rookies. Only time and opposing pitchers will be able to provide the answer as to whether he has made the grade for keeps."

He made it, all right. You bet he did. And this fan, for one, hopes that if this does turn out to be the Mick's last stand, he makes his exit by bounding a couple into the seats. What better a birthday memory for a boy to live with than that?

## Scouts Set Anniversary Trail Hike

Special Chief Pontiac Trail hike will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, to mark the 40th anniversary of the trail operated by the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The trail, which begins at Orchard Lake and continues to the southwest through some of the most scenic portions of Oakland County, ends at Kensington Metropolitan Park.

The anniversary hike, open to all Boy Scout units, open to all Girl Scout units, and the midwest, will reverse the normal route and will begin at the Group Camp Area of Kensington and end at the Proud Lake Recreation Area about 10 miles away.

The hike is expected to take approximately five or six hours. Prior to the hike, an outdoor chicken service will be held at the park at 8:30 a.m.

Units of the Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls and similar organizations are invited to participate. All units are expected to hike in uniform.

Hike reservations may be made by writing the Council Service Center, 132 Franklin Boulevard, Pontiac 48053, or by telephoning 334-2509. A fee of \$1 per hiker will be charged to cover costs of purchasing special unit ribbons and individual awards and patches for all those taking part.

## Health Board Gets Funds

Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board has received the largest single support allocation in its five-year history.

The board has been allocated \$260,000, by the state to support a matchable program for fiscal year 1968-69 totaling \$1,680,000.

Announcement of the state allotment for the mentally ill and mentally retarded was made earlier to Paul N. Averill, board chairman, from the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

## AAUW Seeks Books

Wanted—used books. That's the slogan as the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women announced plans for its 16th annual book sale.

Proceeds from the sale are donated to the Farmington Library and to a fund set up by the AAUW to provide financial assistance to women continuing their graduate studies.

This year's sale is scheduled for Sept. 26, 27 and 28 in the Livonia Mall.

Between now and then, however, the organization is seeking donations of books. Arrangements for pickup service in Farmington and nearby areas can be made by calling 476-9069 or 476-4373. Books may also be deposited in a special box located in the Farmington Library.

Any type of book is accepted. This includes hard-backs, paperbacks, textbooks, sets of encyclopedias, do-it-yourself books, comic books and magazines.

## Bouse Begins UM Study

James Bouse, of Albion Rd., Farmington, will begin work this fall on a master's degree at the University of Michigan.

The graduate study is the result of ranking in the top 10 per cent of his class at the General Motors Institute in Flint.

Bouse attended GMI under the sponsorship of the Detroit Diesel Engine Division of General Motors.

The program consisted of a four-year cooperative program in which the students go to school for six weeks and work six weeks with the sponsoring division of General Motors.

The classroom portion is very similar to what might be found on any engineering college campus, in the United States. During the work segments, the students have an opportunity to work in just about every department within the division in the first two years and then specialize in departments of special interest in the second two years.

## community calendar

### FLUORIDE APPLICATIONS

Sept. 9 William Grace elementary pupils will receive topical fluoride applications. Treatments will be given to kindergarten, second, and fifth grade classes upon receipt of permission slips and payment of a \$4-fee which includes cleaning of the teeth.

### FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Sept. 9 at 12 noon in Salem United Church, Mrs. Charles Love, flower arranger and interior decorator, will present a series of arrangements and explain how flower arranging fits into and enhances interior decorating.

### ST. FABIAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. The first meeting of the new season. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### LONGACRE PTA BOWLING LEAGUE

Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Lanes, Longacre PTA Bowling League begins play. For information contact Fran Hoelter at 476-4973.

### MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN

Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. in Groves High School. The Oakland County chapter will host a panel discussion on "Becoming Involved." Main speaker will be Dave Diles of WXYZ-TV.

### PIONEER GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Sept. 11 at 12 noon in St. Alexander's Social Hall the Pioneer Golden Age Club will hold a business meeting. Bring your own snack. Tea and coffee will be served. For transportation call GR. 6-4865 on the weekend.

### FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building. Richard Kozlov, well known Michigan artist, will speak.

### BLUE DAISY SALE

Sept. 12 and 13 the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington, Chapter 49, will conduct their annual "Blue Daisies" sale.

### VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I

Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, Barracks 1152 will hold the regular monthly meeting. A movie on the History of Michigan will be shown and a light lunch will be served. All WW I veterans are invited.

### SENIOR-CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Sept. 13 at 12 noon in the First Methodist Church Social Room. Lunch will be served and slides of the Canadian Rockies will be shown.

### "SING OUT AMERICA"

Sept. 13 at 8:15 p.m. in Cobo Hall. Sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, the program features the New Christy Minstrels and the Four Freshmen. Tickets priced at \$5.50, \$4.50 and \$3.50 may be purchased from the Jaycees, P.O. Box 33, Farmington.

### BAKE SALE

Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in St. Alexander's Church, Hall. The Workers of Mary will hold their annual rummage and bake sale.

### HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB

September 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Savings and Loan Building. Mrs. F.J. Oriens will show slides and discuss "Let's Take a Trip Tropically."

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