

memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life in the Farmington area from 40, 50, 20 and 10 years ago.

AUGUST 5, 1943

THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC Schools were offering free instruction in instrumental music in August. Donald Crane, who had been named the district's director of music a few weeks before, said that instruction would be given on all band instruments.

A NEWSPAPER column, "Around the Block," said, "Dazzling White is the Farmington State Bank since it was sandblasted this week. The building really didn't look dirty, but now it is nice and clean, and one can see just how dirty it actually was."

ANOTHER ITEM in "Around the Block," "Missed the kids this week? That's just because they're all going to Bible School. We understand the

younger element has really turned out "en masse."

AN EDITORIAL, headlined "Michigan Recreation," urged residents to vacation in the state during the summer of 1943. "If you don't get any vacation at all this year, you're still in luck, for Sundays, holidays, and days off afford plenty of time for recreation. Plan a picnic with the family and the neighbors."

A RODEO, fireworks every night and a "mammoth patriotic display" were to highlight the five-day Northville Free Fair. The fair was free, but a parking fee of 25 cents per car was charged.

AUGUST 6, 1953

AN ADVERTISEMENT from the Michigan Brewers' Association said that a glass of "Michigan brewed beer" could be as "refreshing as sunrise on the Lake of the Clouds."

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