

memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we're dishing up generous slices of life from the Farmington community from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

OCT. 12, 1944 — "THESE DAYS ARE the ones we'd really appreciate a bit of extra gasoline and a good tire or two so we could just drive out through the countryside

and enjoy the beautiful fall scenery," said an Around the Block item on the front page of the Farmington Enterprise. "The woods are resplendent — 'Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'"

BOB McLEAN ran 25 yards for one touchdown and caught a 29-yard pass from Rennie Bacon for another to highlight Farmington High School's 31-0 victory over Rochester in high school football. The victory was the third-

straight shutout for coach Bob Hutton's Farmington Falcons.

AN EDITORIAL, "Our Country," said, "Even if collectivism worked, I wouldn't like it. I'd rather for us to take another century or two, if necessary, to find ways to make individualism work. In the main, I want to be me. "Of course I know that in any form of government, some regimentation is necessary. But most of us Americans want, for the most part, to be free, in-

dependent, largely self-sufficient individuals.

"We started a country of free men. On the whole, it has worked pretty well. It has had faults. But let's cure the faults — not kill the freedom."

CLASSIFIED AD: "WANTED — Laundress to do washing and ironing for small family in your home. Phone 2270."

SHORT ITEM: "Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walters are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son."

OCT. 14, 1954 — **WORK HAS STARTED** on the paving and widening of 12 Mile Road between U.S. 16 and Haggerty Road, the state Highway Commission announced. The 4.9-mile stretch of highway was to have been widened to 22 feet and resurfaced with bituminous concrete. The work was to have been completed by Nov. 20.

"RAIN IS THE big news around the wood stove again this week," noted an Around the Block item. "If this thing keeps up, we will be sprouting web feet before the snow starts to fly. It isn't so much the volume of rain right now as it is the frequency. Of course we haven't got as much to complain about as our distant neighbors to the south and west of us, but it is bad enough right here. The only thing that seems to thrive on the so-called heavy dew is the grass... It never was so green. Maybe the weatherman has attracted enough attention for a while and will settle back to normal. Let's hope so!"

ENROLLMENT IN THE Clarenceville School District has reached 1,928

students, an increase of 2.1 percent over the same period a year ago. Lewis Schmidt, superintendent of the district, said that this was the smallest increase in the district in the past nine years. Of the 1,928 students, 1,211 are enrolled in the elementary schools, and 717 are registered in the junior and senior high schools.

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OCT. 14, 1964 — **GOVERNATORIAL CANDIDATE** Neil Staebler challenged Gov. George Romney's claim to credit for Michi-

gan's current prosperity in a "non-political" speech before the Farmington Kiwanis Club Oct. 6 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. Said Staebler, "But you say, 'Why should the incumbent (Romney) be replaced?' Because the great problems of the state have been neglected. We have not put enough money into our schools. If we continue to get the same proportion of dropouts, we'll have 45,000 next year."

WITH FIVE COMPLETE weeks gone from the new school year, enrollment in the Farmington school system totalled 12,874 — only 14 students off the estimated count of 12,890 made by district officials in 1963.

SHORT ITEM: "Most fault finders carry a microscope with them, but they seldom look in a mirror." Another short item: "Half the people wouldn't know how the other half lives if it weren't for the neighbors."



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On Saturday, Feb. 9, there will be a double-header between the 1968 Tigers and the sports fantasy team. The game will be open to press and public alike. Some of the 1968 Tigers who will participate in this year's camp include: Jim Price, Al Kaline, Mickey Lolich, Willie Horton and Gates Brown.

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Greenock Mills, a saw mill and flour mill were built between 1836 and 1840. The mills were the hub of the Rushton community and later were expanded to include a post office, general store, creamery, and a flag stop on the Grand Trunk Railroad. A wind storm destroyed the saw mill in 1902 while the grist mill, with its rugged 12 x 12 oak posts and beam construction, survived until 1971 when a devastating fire destroyed the upper two floors. The current structure of similar design was rebuilt by the present owners, George and Gloria DeAngelis, utilizing much of the original materials.

In addition to the restoration of a 1920's Monarch cast iron press which is used to produce cider, the building contains the original water powered runs of stones (mill stones), the millman's wagon, which was used around 1910, and other items of the past. A pair of mill stones are also being prepared for future production of whole wheat flour.

The mill is located at 10470 Rushton Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, three miles west of South Lyon, and four miles east of U.S. 23, east 84.
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