

THIS BUSY WEEK...
takes time out Sunday to pay tribute to that most wonderful person, mother. No matter how many pressing things may be at hand, Mother's Day is one day of the year for which there is always time.

THE SPRING SEASON...
must be already getting old, for here is the "For Rent" sign out so soon. Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal and the Robins, too, have already taught their youngsters to fly, and



have gone their merry way. And so the bird house is ready for new occupants. If the rent sign was only on a five or six room house, now, we'll just bet that there would be dozens of replies in no time flat.

BRIGHT ORANGE...
is the sign "Bus Stop" appearing at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Roads. If someone is found parking out of bounds, occupying the space reserved for the bus, it will certainly not be because it isn't plainly marked. If you can't see that sign, bud, you'd better visit your optician.

ONCE AGAIN...
we see more familiar faces about town, with our residents all returning from the south, and from the west. We'll just bet none of them spent a more enjoyable winter than we did right here in Farmington, no matter where they may have been.

THOSE FOLKS...
who have been fortunate enough to get a little garden planted, are already being rewarded for their efforts by seeing the tender little green shoots coming through the ground. Of course there are a



good many others who haven't yet started their gardening season. These beautiful days sure do produce that well-known spring fever, though. Just to be out-of-doors and able to work in the good earth seems the height of our ambitions.

THE FLOWERING SHRUBS...
in the yards of Farmington homes are lovely just at this time of the year. Together with the early flowers, they are one of the most welcome spring sights.

DON'T FORGET...
to keep up your correspondence to the boys in service. We send them the paper each week, and even though we try to furnish



them with all the news, we are bound to miss some of it, and we can't even hope to supply them with all the little news bits about the neighborhood. Your letters mean more than anything else, so keep them going.

Girl Scouts Want Felt For New Projects

The Farmington Girl Scouts are making a collection of old felt, which they hope to use in troop projects. They particularly want felt of bright colors.

If you have any old felt hats, or other pieces of felt that you will contribute to the collection, you may leave them at the Enterprise office or call Farmington 1150, and someone will call for the felt for you to give.

Jean Power is in Mt. Carmel Hospital following an appendectomy on Tuesday morning.

School Finances Explained

Changes Noted In Recent Years

The second in the series of articles on Farmington School District No. Five gives an accurate picture of the financial setup of the schools.

There has been a marked change in the financing of public education in Michigan during the last twelve years. Before the passage of the 15 Mill Limitation Amendment, the bulk of school income was derived from real property taxes. Since the passage of the 15 Mill Amendment, it has been necessary for the schools of Michigan to seek other sources of income. Michigan has long been a leader in providing education for its citizens. The need of good education for all the people, maintained by the community of modern life, and the preservation of our democratic form of government has been definitely established. In order that the State of Michigan might meet its obligation, it has contributed more and more liberally to the support of public education. The centralizing of industry in certain areas and the unequal distribution of property wealth has meant that some districts were either very rich or very poor.

It is not surprising that the State has tried to equalize this inequality in its contributions to local school districts. During the last year, the State Legislature appropriated \$50,000,000.00 for state aid. The following data will indicate just how large a portion of education costs of the local school has been met by the State.

Farmington, with a tax rate of 8.5 mills as allocated by the County Allocation Board on an assessed valuation of \$2,246,831.00, could only raise a total of \$19,988.48 in local taxes if a 100 per cent collection were assured. This year, \$11,537.41 was received from current tax collections. In order to participate in state aid, a school must raise at least 4 mills in local taxes and continue the same rate in 1912 and 1913. On the basis of the income of approximately \$98,000.00 for this year, the State will contribute a total of \$25,660.00 in state aid and \$28,210.00 in district, making a total of \$53,870.00 in direct school aid. In addition to this, Farmington is entitled to \$12,323.11 in vocational reimbursement and \$8,717.50 in primary funds—making a grand total of \$64,910.71. In other words, Farmington will receive approximately three times as much income from the State as in local taxes. The balance of the income will include approximately \$5,892.00 from transportation, cafeteria, stores account, rentals and miscellaneous items, and approximately \$6,780.00 in delinquent taxes and State land sales.

State aid distributed to schools is based on quite a complicated formula. Direct state aid is determined, chiefly by pupil membership and number of teachers employed. In our district, \$61.50 is allowed for each child in K-4, and \$41.50 for all 7-8 grade pupils 9-12 residents. From this is subtracted the primary money, plus 2.5 mill tax levy on the equalized property valuation of the district, leaving the net state aid. To this amount is added such school non-residents at \$106.50 each, primary money and other State contributions giving this year a grand total of \$64,910.71. The schools of Oakland County lose money each year because of the low assessed valuations as compared with the assessed valuations in other comparable counties. The 2.5 mill deduction for state aid is based on the equalized valuation while school tax is levied on the assessed valuation. For that part of our school district lying within the City, the equalized valuation is 1.30385 times the assessed valuation. For that part lying in the township, the equalized valuation is 1.009074 times the assessed valuation.

All schools are faced with rising costs for operation and maintenance and for operation and the more or less stable income. The total expenditures this year excluding debt service will probably run close to \$100,000. Of this amount, (Continued on Back Page)

Baccalaureate Plans Released

The outline of the Baccalaureate services for the class of 1944 of Farmington High School was made public early this week.

The exercises will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium, on Sunday, May 21. Since tickets for admission are not necessary, anyone interested in the class of 1944 may attend.

The program will be: Processional by the F.H.S. Girls' Glee Club.

Invocation by Rev. A. Stanley Stone.

Response. Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" by the entire audience.

Scriptural reading by Rev. A. Stanley Stone.

"Whatever May Vex or Grieve The," Bach, by the Girls' Glee Club.

Baccalaureate Address by the Rev. Carl H. Schultz.

"The Omnipotence," Schubert, by the Girls' Glee Club.

Benediction, Rev. Schultz.

Recessional by Girls' Glee Club.

The audience is asked to please remain seated until the entire program, including the recessional, has been completed.

Vocal music will be directed by Miss Phyllis Gardner, and all accompaniments will be played by Marguerite Wedin, freshman.

The Senior Class regrets that Rev. Fred B. Fisher and Rev. Thomas P. Beahan will be unable to take part. Rev. Fisher will be attending a Baptist Conference at Atlanta, Georgia, and Rev. Beahan previously made commitments for some special Sunday church services out of town.

Blood Bank Here Soon

Only a little over three weeks remain before the mobile unit of the American Red Cross Blood Bank will come to Farmington.

The unit will be here to take appointments from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5. It is hoped to have 250 donors registered for this visit of the Blood Bank.

A careful check will be made on each prospective donor, and if the doctors at the Blood Bank do not feel you should give blood, they will so advise you. Many of the donors will be the same ones who have given on previous visits of the unit, but many new donors will be needed as well.

Please make your appointment now. Do not wait until the last few days before the unit comes, for it makes it more difficult for those in charge to plan for the unit.

You may register at the Civic Theatre any evening, with the Blue Star Mother who is stationed in the lobby, or you may register at the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner or with Edgar Pierce.

WILLIAM MITCHELL MARRIED AT MARINE BASE

Pfc William Mitchell, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell of 27402 Haledale Road, was united in marriage to Miss Regina Dubetsky of Detroit on April 27. The wedding, performed by a Marine Chaplain, took place in the Chapel at Bremerton, Washington, where Pfc Mitchell is stationed.

The ceremony was a double wedding, at which a friend of the groom, also a member of the Marine Corps, was married.

Mr. Mitchell will remain with his husband in Washington.

Pfc Mitchell attended Farmington High School before entering the service. He has been in the Marine Corps for two years, having served overseas for 18 months.

CLARENCEVILLE CHURCH WILL HONOR MOTHERS

Clarenceville Methodist Church will have a Mother and Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 12.

Mrs. Fred Barrett will be the guest speaker on the program. She is in charge of Miss Marian Owen.

Toastmaster is Mrs. Fred Green.

Other features of the program will include a toast to the daughters by Mrs. Stanley Grace and a toast to the mothers by Delores Lefler.

BABY GIRL INJURED BY SLAMMING DOOR

Helen Zolkosky, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zolkosky of 22135 Miller Road, was the victim of an unfortunate accident last Wednesday night.

The baby, just nine months old, had pushed the storm door open, and it banged shut, hitting her in the face. She was showered with glass, some cutting her in the eye. They rushed her to Dr. Dumont who gave her immediate treatment, and then took her to Henry Ford Hospital where an emergency operation was performed on Thursday afternoon.

It was at first feared that she might lose her eye, but no infection has developed. She has lost her sight, so severely was the lens damaged, but it is hoped that in time her vision may be restored. The baby will remain in the hospital for some time.

Milk Payments To Be Made

The Oakland County Agricultural Administration now have instructions to make the Dairy Fed Payments for milk and butterfat paid during the months of February, March and April, 1944.

The rates for February production are 35c per hundredweight for whole milk, and 5c per pound for butterfat sold. The rates for March and April production are 50c per hundredweight for whole milk, and 5c per pound for butterfat sold.

These payments are now being made at the county office, 310 Hubbard Building, Pontiac, any time this month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For the convenience of producers living around Farmington, members of the committee will be at the Warner Dairy Farm on Thursday, May 25.

FLIGHT OFFICER BRYKALSKI REPORTED KILLED

Flight Officer George D. Brykalski, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brykalski, 28905 Middle Belt Road, Farmington, who was reported missing in action on September 3, 1943, has now been officially listed as killed in action on that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Brykalski received a telegram from the war department to that effect on Sunday, April 20, and last week Thursday they received the following letter from Robert H. Deaton, Brigadier General, Acting as The Adjutant General, at Washington, D.C.

"It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Flight Officer George D. Brykalski, 740743, Air Corps."

"Your son was reported missing in action over France on September 3, 1943. The War Department has not received an official report from the German Government that your son was killed in action 23 September 1943, in the crash of his airplane near Chilly, France."

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that, in time, the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you."

"I extend to you my deepest sympathy."

Mrs. Brykalski's faith in George's safety remains unshaken, despite the telegram and letter of confirmation.

George was very popular with the people of Farmington, and has a host of friends here, as well as among our boys in the service. He graduated from Farmington High School with the class of 1941.

Scouts Extend Thanks To Local Merchants

The Scout committee and scoutmaster wish to thank all the merchants of Farmington and Farmington township, who so generously donated prizes for the scout party, which was held April 28. The party was a huge success.

Pierson P.T.A. To Hold Final Meeting

The Pierson P.T.A. will meet at the school Thursday, May 25. There will be an installation of officers and as it is the last meeting of the year, all are urged to attend.

IN NEW GUINEA



VERNON E. NELSON

Vernon E. Nelson, U.S. Navy, is the son of Howard H. Nelson of 28330 List Street, Farmington. He has been in service for one year this July, and is now stationed in New Guinea.

Mr. Nelson has written the following poem, dedicated to Vernon.

There was a little Shaver
To whom trout had quite a flavor—
So when Dad got out his poles
Just to look over some good holes.

At his books he turned up his nose
And says "By gum, here I goes."

Each trout season since
At quite some expense,
On the streams in the north he
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Just to feel the line in his hand
Give a jerk,

And each season thus spent
He has left us nothing to repent.

When the bait from frost didn't
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We just set them on the stove

And stream after stream we did
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Though we caught our floss with
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This Shaver took some flossers
But he also caught some whoopers!

Today he is far, far away
In Uncle Sam's Navy so as to say
Because at our sacred trust
Some demons we make a thrust—
We hope too long he won't have
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When this mad thing is over,
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We will love you always
Oh! What more can I say
Than we are proud of this Lad
For you see, I am his Dad!

"EDISON IN WARTIME" IS KIWANIS TOPIC

Edward J. Hurley was guest speaker at Wednesday night's Kiwanis meeting. His topic was "Edison in Wartime."

Mr. Hurley talked in some detail regarding the construction of the new Dow Chemical Plant. Be that it be of the copper shortage, 21 million dollars was expended for silver, brought from St. Knor, Kentucky, for use in the plant. The huge KVA turbine is used to serve 700,000 residents. Mr. Hurley discussed the protection system employed in this plant which serves 700,000 residents, as well as the many industrial uses in this great Arsenal of Democracy.

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He urged to "use what you need, and need what you use."

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Budget Estimate Presented To City Commission

OAKLAND COUNTY RED CROSS FAR EXCEEDS QUOTA

Far exceeding its quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive, Oakland County announced a final total of \$128,994.32. This is \$101,994.32 more than the quota set for the County.

Dwight B. Webb, county chapter chairman, states that the successful drive principally was due to the tireless work of volunteers who canvassed the cities and towns of the county presenting the needs of Red Cross in its obligation to servicemen, veterans and their families, as well as the needs of all chapter services. Each township under competent leadership gave generously. C. G. Rudderham was chairman of the county campaign and Mrs. T. W. Jackson was chairman of townships.

Farmington contributed \$13,838.92 to this collection.

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Bert Whitbeck Resigns As Building Inspector

All members of the City Commission were present at the regular meeting of that body held Wednesday evening in the City Hall.

General discussion was held in regard to the annual budget for the year beginning July 1, 1944 and ending June 30, 1945. The budget estimate has been prepared and submitted by Commissioner, Fred Bagshall, in charge of finances. The estimated budget totals \$39,957.00, and is based on the present city valuation at no increase in tax rate.

A public hearing on the budget, at which time taxpayers are given the opportunity to offer any suggestions they may care to make in regard to the various items in the budget, will be held on Wednesday, June 7.

Clerk Harry Moore read a letter of resignation from Bert Whitbeck, City Building Inspector. The resignation was accepted, the appointment to fill the vacancy being held over until the next regular meeting of the Commission on June 14.

The Commission voted to sponsor a boy to attend Wolverine Boys' State at East Lansing. The names of suggested boys who would qualify to attend Boys' State, all residents of the City, were placed together and an election was made by drawing. Charles Locker was named, and as alternate, Rennie Bacon was selected.

The clerk was instructed to write to the Michigan Tax Commission, requesting their representative to come to Farmington to make a survey of property for the assessed roll after January 1, 1945. It is understood that this will be done by the State, at no expense to the City.

P.T.A. Program Open To All

Mrs. Anne Little Brandes, women's employment specialist for the War Manpower Commission, will be the speaker at the last Parent Teacher Association Meeting of the year to be held in the High School Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Brandes' present work takes her into plants and shops and all of the many places where women are employed in this vital production area. Her background is varied with newspaper feature writing and extensive club work. Mrs. Brandes has long been an expert on all matters which concern the war of women and young people. She knows from first hand experience what is needed by employers and what background and training the workers must have.

The mother of two grown daughters, Mrs. Brandes has a real understanding of the parents' problems and responsibilities in helping their daughters discover and pursue occupations and careers. All parents of High School girls will find in Mrs. Brandes, an understanding and most ably informed advisor.

Teachers who are responsible for the technical training and guidance of young people will enjoy the privilege of discussing their work with an expert who has practical contacts with the employment situation.

All High School girls are most cordially invited to attend this meeting. It is indeed a rare opportunity for them to discuss their own employment situations. The Senior girls will be the guests of honor at this meeting sponsored by the twenty grade parents.

Mrs. H. W. Colebank is general chairman and the committees are: Program: Mrs. H. W. Colebank. Hospitality: Mrs. Carl J. Gustafson, chairman; Mrs. Harold R. Locker, Mrs. Robert H. Erwin, Mrs. Charles N. Diamond, Mrs. Sam Kosmosky, Mrs. Fred Pieron and Mrs. Ellis Dickerson.

Publicity: Mrs. John Hunt. Annual reports will be given during the business portion of this meeting.

Poppy Day Is Planned

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by Ada Goers, poppy chairman of the local unit, who said yesterday she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold.

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