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The Block

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WAR BONDS

VACATION ...

is almost over, and only three short weeks remain before the youngsters will be back in school. They've undoubtedly had a swell time this summer, but if you've

listened to any of their conversation you'll know that they are looking forward to being back in school once more. Vacations are wonderful, but it's always good to get back into routine again, no matter if it is school, or if it's back to a job.

HERE'S A SIGN ... over in the window at Hatton's Farmington Hardware Store that we'd like to have you look at the next time you chance to walk by. Don't just look at it, though, take time to read it and let it sink in. The sign says: "Let's have more community spirit." Have you ever thought if you have any community spirit, let alone have enough to make a difference to your city? It's one quality we could all increase, and the world would be a better place for it.

ONE SUNDAY ... rather foreign in appearance," was seen to walk by the Civic Theatre, stop, turn back, and taking off his hat, and going down on one knee, he kissed the American flag which was flying in front of the theatre. We know we'll take a lesson from this man, for too often we take all of the blessings of this country for granted, never pausing to think what very fortunate individuals we are.

THE PROPHET ... can look in his crystal ball that time he wants to, and tell us that snow will fall before morning, and we'll be ever so happy.

WE'VE HEARD ... some very favorable comments about the Farmington Band, from those who attended the concerts which the band gave during the summer. We'd bet that the band will have one of the most successful years they've ever enjoyed and we wish them the best of luck.

IT'S TIME ... to start and collect the gifts you wish to send to our soldiers who are stationed overseas. It may be a little difficult to find the things you wish to send, so we'd recommend that you start early. Mail-

**Obituary**  
Rhea B. Colestock  
Mrs. Rhea B. Colestock passed away Saturday, August 12, at her home, 6651 W. Maple Road, Walled Lake, following an illness of about two years.  
Surviving Mrs. Colestock are her husband, Harry E. Colestock, five children, Dorothy, Sally Lou, Private Harry Colestock Jr., now serving with the Army, Bob L., and William T. Also surviving are one grandson, two sisters and four brothers.  
Funeral services were held from the Spencer J. Heeny Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Rufus M. Traver of Walled Lake officiated and burial was at North Farmington Cemetery.

## Christmas Mailing Rules Given

**Postmaster Asks Your Cooperation**  
"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping," Postmaster Norman Lee advises residents, in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy personnel is the same, September 15 to October 15. After October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving precise and accurate instructions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently in areas of large and small military installations necessitates forwarding of the packages and additional time is required.

"I know that our people will be glad to serve the overseas mailing schedule once more this year but I wish to stress this fact: More care must be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly," Mr. Lee said.

Gifts were unable to deliver many parcels which families and friends send to men and women overseas last year because they were crushed in transit and the gift and the outside wrapper became separated. We would have been able to make delivery if the addresses had been shown on the inside wrapper. We advise that everyone write the address of the sender and addressee inside the package as well as outside.

"Christmas gifts mean much to our people overseas. Because strong twine, heavy paper and boxes and fiberboard will prove of real help in making delivery of gifts possible I urge those at home to begin saving these materials now. As time goes on they are going to become even more scarce than they are now."

Among the more important rules for Christmas mailings to the armed forces overseas are the following:  
The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention as it arrives before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer. When combination packages are made up of such items as flannel, handkerchiefs, toilet articles, hard cases, soaps, etc., the contents should be tightly packed so that they will not become loosened in transit and damage the contents of the cover. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, such as razors and knives, must have their edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.  
Relatives and friends who know that the personnel in the armed services to whom they plan to send gifts are at far distant points should begin to mail their packages on the opening day, September 15, of the mailing period. Last year late mailings, causing concentration of great numbers of packages in the final days of the mailing period, threatened to defeat the program.  
Miss Christine Bickling spent the weekend with Miss Elizabeth Cory in East Lansing.

## VISITS HERE



**PVT. ROLLAND DORMAN**  
Private Rolland Carlos Dorman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Dorman of 3732 Colonial Avenue, Venice, California. Private Dorman recently spent a short furlough with his brothers and sisters in Detroit. He was a guest of Donald Dorman, 2024 Rensselaer, Mrs. Virginia MacNeil, 15227 Green Lane, and of Miss Cleo Dorman of Chicago.  
Private Dorman was for 18 years a resident of 21064 Ontago Avenue, in Clarencville. He has finished his training as a special assigned truck driver at Camp Roper, California, and is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland.

## Gala Days To Be Held

Members of Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion are busy these days completing arrangements for the annual Gala Day celebration, to be held over the Labor Day week end.  
Again this year, as in past years, there will be a giant midway which will be open for four days, Friday, September 4, through Monday, September 7. There will be lots of rides, for children and adults, and sideshows and various booths will be offering a variety of entertainment.  
There will be 64 parades on Monday, Sept. 4, with the Farmington High School Band taking part. Full details of the celebration will be announced in the near future.

## GET WINTER VITAMIN C FROM CANNED TOMATOES

Get your winter supply of health promoting vitamin C from canned, Michigan-grown tomatoes, picked at their prime, says Robert Briggs, extension specialist in foods and nutrition, Michigan State college. From 20 to 30 quarts of tomatoes or tomato juice should be planned for each member of the family.  
Select firm, ripe tomatoes of medium size and uniform shape for canning. Do not use fruit that is spotted, decayed or badly cracked because spoilage organisms will be introduced that processing likely will not destroy.  
Place the tomatoes in a wire basket and dip in boiling water for about a minute, or longer if more time is required to make sure that the skins will slip easily. Then plunge them into cold water, and core promptly. By handling only a few at a time one helps to retain vitamin C that is lost when fruit is left out of jars for some time after being peeled. The best way to retain vitamin C is to handle only a few tomatoes at a time. Then after they are cut into quarters, heat them just to the boiling point, and pack into jars while hot. Most persons prefer the addition of a level teaspoon of salt to each quart. Process in the boiling water bath for 10 minutes.  
Detailed directions on canning Victory garden products are contained in Extension Bulletin 12, "War-time Canning," and its supplementary sheet, "Using War-time Canning Equipment." Copies may be obtained from your county extension office or from the Michigan State college bulletin office, East Lansing.

Corporal and Mrs. Gordon L. Frye spent a few days with Mrs. Frye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dietrich.

## Concert Ends Summer Program

The Summer Instrumental Program of the Farmington Public Schools came to a close Monday evening with a picnic, held in the band house because of rain, and a concert on the green between the high school building and the gymnasium.  
The beginners' band played four numbers and the pre-band flute players played two numbers. The band members then played a concert of seven numbers.  
The enrollment for the summer school numbered 122 students, who attended daily classes and the weekly Monday night rehearsals of the summer band. Many of the older first band students were unable to participate in the summer's program because of illness. Consequently most of the summer work was carried on by beginners and second band people.

Lloyd Smith, band director, who came here to start work in the Farmington musical program on June 15, feels that a healthy, progressive musical year lies ahead for the students and band when classes again meet on September 13. From the type and quality of students he is indeed optimistic about the future band picture for Farmington.  
Notice is given that band rehearsals for the first band will take place Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1. All first band members are urged to attend these rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. as the band will get ready to march in the annual Labor Day parade, September 4. This will be the first unformed appearance of the band since last Memorial Day.  
On September 13, serious daily musical study will commence, which is designed to develop each student to the height of his musical ability.

Mr. Smith came to Farmington from Quincy, Michigan, leaving a 54-piece completely unformed band.

## Parochial School To Open

The four R's, religion, reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, will begin once again for approximately 255 students in Farmington's only parochial school on Thursday, September 7. Our Lady of Sorrows school is part of the parochial system of the Archdiocese of Detroit that instructs over 35,000 children annually.  
Actual resumption of classes will be preceded by the formal opening of the archdiocesan school year with a Pontifical High Mass in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit, on Wednesday, September 6, at 10 a.m.  
Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit will offer the Mass for all the teaching sisters of the Archdiocese and preach the sermon. The sisters attending the Mass will participate in the singing of the ordinary of the Mass, "De Angelis."  
The teaching staff of Our Lady of Sorrows parochial school now numbers eight.

## COX REUNION ATTENDED BY 64 PERSONS

The annual Cox reunion was held on Sunday, August 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layland of Griggs Street, with 64 persons in attendance. The eldest attending was Frank Cox, 78 years of age, and the youngest was Diana Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briggs.  
Fifteen boys from this family are now in service and there 19 were able to attend the reunion. Guests were present from Farmington, Brighton, Howell, Walled Lake, Goodrich and Detroit.

## Youth Fellowship Has Ice Cream Social

The Youth Fellowship of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will hold an Ice Cream Social on Friday evening, August 18, at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine. The social will be held on the church lawn, or in case of rain, in the church basement.  
In addition to the tempting refreshments, there will be free entertainment. Everyone is cordially invited to the social.

## OIL AGREEMENT SIGNED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The long-awaited petroleum agreement by which the British and American governments undertake to control the production and distribution of the world's petroleum resources, was signed last week at the State Department in Washington by Acting Secretary of State Stettinius and Lord Beaverbrook. Left to right, Harold L. Jokes, Secretary of the Interior, Acting Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, and Lord Beaverbrook of Great Britain.

## AVIATION CADET



**A/C GILBERT BASSLER**  
Aviation Cadet Gilbert Bassler is now training at the Army Air Forces primary flight school at Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Arizona. Previous to this location, he has been at Santa Ana, California. Although he was ill for some time, and thus prevented from continuing his Air Corps training, he is again in school and hopes to successfully complete the course this time.  
Cadet Bassler has requested letters from his friends in Farmington, and anyone who would like to secure his address, may obtain it from the Enterprise office, as we do not print any military addresses.

## Farmington Public Schools Will Open September 11

### Farmington People Attend Convention

The annual State Convention of the American Legion was held at Grand Rapids on August 31, 12 and 13.  
Those from Groves-Walker Post No. 316, who attended the Convention, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers, Mr. and Mrs. John Aland, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Niles, Mr. and Mrs. James Nourjan, Frank Lowrey, Leon Church, Charles Willard, Mrs. Fred Schaeper, Miss Frances Niles, Mrs. George Kacy and Mrs. Myron Carrier.

### STATEMENT MADE REGARDING EDISON RATE CASE

Prentiss M. Brown, chairman of the Board of Detroit Edison made the following statement regarding the Edison rate case.  
"In temporary earnings of corporations due to war activity which the Congress takes to feed, equip and supply weapons to our soldiers and sailors, have long been a temptation to our local taxing authorities.  
Two attempts have been made by the City to capture these so-called excess profits taxes from The Detroit Edison Company. One is by a rate reduction, the other by tax known as an excise tax designed to take these profits (85% of which go to the Federal Government). Heretofore the Michigan Public Service Commission allowed taxes as an expense of doing business.  
Neither the ratepayers nor the Commission's decision, the City and the ratepayers both take the money, some ten million dollars each unless the City tax is declared invalid. The Commission must have assumed the tax was invalid. We do not know what the Courts will do with it.  
Simply stated, we have this ten million dollars and there are three claimants for it—the ratepayers, the City and the Federal Government. If the ratepayers get it or the City gets it, the Federal Government will not get it, but although there is only one ten million dollars as it now stands, the ratepayers get it as a refund and the City demands it by an excise tax. This is an intolerable situation and Detroit Edison will use every means to prevent this injury to its property and consequent damage to its service to customers.  
The authorities speak of this Federal tax as an avoidable tax. We do not think that sound logic. We are not wholly the 17 of our profits we are permitted to keep. We know of no way to get the money necessary to run our business and pay our investors by avoiding Federal taxes. In the first place somebody has to pay for the war and, second, neither the City, the Commission, nor the Courts can take the 67 of these profits that go to the Federal Government without taking the 17 that was to be left to us and which Congress decided we were entitled to keep and use for the uncertain postwar period.  
We are confident that the Commission (which originally held our rates to be fair and at times a proper deduction as an expense) our customers and the general public will eventually see the justice of our position and enable us to continue the service we have always rendered."

### Pupils Report For Classes Tuesday Morning

The Farmington Public Schools will open for the first semester this fall on Monday, September 11. The first day will be devoted to teachers' meetings and pupils will not report until Tuesday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. High school students will have an opportunity to complete part of their enrollment prior to the opening day as Mr. Bates, the high school principal, will be in his office every week day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning August 21, until school starts. All high school pupils who will be enrolling for the first time are particularly urged to take advantage of this opportunity to plan for high school as well as all other pupils who may find it convenient to do so. Boys and girls who desire to attend college upon graduation from high school should be particularly careful to plan early as it is necessary to follow a certain sequence of subjects in high school as well as maintain a high standard of work.  
Pupils in the first eight grades will enroll on Tuesday, September 12, with the exception of the Kindergarten. Parents who will be sending children to Kindergarten this year should enroll them the week preceding September 11. Miss Craig, the elementary school principal, will be in her office for that purpose.  
There will be no changes in elementary school books this year, and little change in high school as only new Latin I books will be used and a change in physics text will be made. New elementary school books may be purchased in the principal's office September 7 and 8.  
Parents of pupils of high school age, whether or not their children have passed the compulsory school age limit, should advise us that they finish high school. The favorable trend of the war with the resulting cutbacks in war production, therefore increasing the supply of labor, makes it less necessary for older children to work on a full time job and more necessary for them to continue their formal education. A high school education is a prime requisite for this modern age and is entitled to a high priority for the security of our country than any of our various war machines now in production. Parents should be reminded that very seldom does a boy or girl return to school once he has left school to work.

### RALPH CARPENTER MISSING ON SAIPAN

Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter have received a notification from the War Department, stating that their son, Pfc Ralph J. Carpenter, is missing on July 6, at Saipan.  
The Carpenter home is at 30625 Moran, and Pfc Carpenter's two children, James and Jean, are living with their grandparents while their father has been serving in the Army.  
**GOSPEL ASSEMBLY SPONSORS YOUTH RALLY**  
The Farmington Gospel Assembly is sponsoring a young people's rally on Monday evening, August 21. Rev. T. B. Chonister of the Detroit Assembly will be the speaker. Special singing and music will be furnished by the Detroit C.A. Band. The rally will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Gospel Assembly, 23608 Warner. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

### Auctions Changed To Thursday Evenings

The community auctions which have been so popular with residents of this community, each Saturday afternoon, have been changed to Thursday evenings. The auctions will now be held at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday, at 38866 Grand River Avenue.  
Mrs. William Barrows of Detroit is sponsoring a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrows.

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