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## Red Cross Gift Replaced

### Boys Learn Generosity Pays

Citizens of Boys Republic learned this week that they have a "fairly good" gift. Last week they met to decide how they would spend the \$1200 which friends had given them at Christmas time to replenish their supply of sports equipment.

A committee of the boys suggested that \$250.00 be given to the Red Cross. Against the Red Cross the boys weighed baseballs, boxing gloves, tennis rackets and other supplies they wanted and could now buy. After a long discussion, they voted to give the entire sum of \$1200 to the Red Cross.

When a public-spirited citizen heard of the boys' generous action, he sent them a check for \$1200 for sports equipment they had been willing to sacrifice.

Boys from 14 to 17 years of age are sent to Boys Republic, located near Farmington, Mich. The boys are completely self-governing. They elect their own officers, make and enforce their own laws.

The Republic is partially supported by the community War Chest.

## AMERICAN LEGION IS PROVIDING FOR EXPANSION

The American Legion through out the town is noticing marked growth, and in keeping with this trend, the Groves-Walker Post is making plans to participate in this stepped-up program of the Legion.

Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion has long occupied an important place among Farmington's active service organizations. Though primarily an organization for the veteran, they have been vitally interested in civic affairs, and have contributed a good deal to the life of this community.

Meetings are held regularly at the Legion Home on Grand River Avenue. The Legion Auxiliary also meets regularly at the home.

Veterans and their families will find a welcome here, and are cordially invited. The Legion is ready to assist any returning veteran. An inquiry may help you with any difficulties you may have.

## NEW CHAIRMEN APPOINTED TO RED CROSS POSTS

At the April 4 meeting of the Livonia Branch of the Red Cross, Mrs. Skinner, chairman of the Home Service Division, resigned, but stated she would be willing to assist Mrs. Pingston, her daughter, who is taking over her chairmanship of this division. Mrs. Pingston may be reached at RED-7039-R4.

Mrs. LaVerne Longley of the Motor Corps was also forced to resign, due to ill health. Mrs. Green of 11235 Stark Road was recommended as the new chairman. Mrs. Longley has been with the Motor Corps since 1942, and has been chairman since 1943. It is with deep regret that Red Cross members see Mrs. Longley leave the group, and she will be greatly missed by all. The program starts behind the wheel of the Red Cross station wagon.

## DR. SIDNEY EVA WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. Sidney D. Eva, superintendent of the Detroit district of the Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. service in the First Methodist Church, on Sunday, April 15.

The annual church meeting will be held at 4 p.m., and Dr. Eva will preside. Reports of the various departments will be given by the officers. Members and friends are invited to attend this meeting.

## THE STAFF OF THE BLUE AND WHITE



Industrious members of the Blue and White staff are pictured here. It is this group that is responsible for the section of the Enterprise which appears weekly. The above caption. They run the show, all the activities at the home, and are responsible for many hours of interesting reading for our service men, as well as for local residents.

## Art Exhibit Proves Popular

At the recent exhibition of the Paint and Ink Art Club held in the Hudson Company, March 15 through March 21, eight members of this group, residents of our community, were represented with oil and water color paintings.

Mrs. Lloyd Gullen's "Country Road," a beautiful pastel landscape, painted with the palette knife, was one of the favorites of the show.

Mrs. F. C. Zebornack calls her picture "Barn Yard," and it is just that, with its hay stacks, chickens and red barns. Mrs. Jay Duncan's "Pastoral Peace" is a painting of the lush green hills in her own back yard. Snowy scenes on the slopes give it a peaceful, friendly quality. Mrs. F. E. Searles' picture, also painted from her window, shows a colorful oak tree, which brightens up the landscape by refusing to shed its brilliant foliage. Her picture is finely called "The Lone Ranger."

The contribution of Mrs. J. Murray was a lovely pastel colored still life of a bowl of roses, with a beautifully blended background. This she calls "Mother's Day Roses." Mrs. Carl Ritter's water color, "Garden Petunias," is a colorful vase of these lovely flowers. This picture received many favorable comments from the visitors at the show, and was one of the outstanding pictures there.

Mrs. William John Spicer's entry was a light colored snow scene, beautifully composed and painted. It is called "February in the Valley." Mrs. Joe Sands' "Black Eyed Susans" is a lovely bowl of these flowers, painted against a background of luminous blue and light pink drapes. This was well liked by the public.

This was the first Paint and Ink Art Club show to be held for more than one day. So much interest was aroused in the club, and with the public, it is now planned to have such a show an annual affair.

**P.T.A. RALLY  
SCHEDULED  
IN LIVONIA**

Monday, April 16, is an important date in P.T.A. history in the Livonia Township School District. It is planned to have a Parent-Teacher Rally on that day, at the Livonia Center Junior High School.

The rally is being planned under the direction of Mrs. Chester Tucker, director of District One, with Harry Johnson, Livonia Township school superintendent, cooperating. Mrs. Garnet Potter is now president of the group.

Beginning at 7:15 p.m., the Plymouth High School Band will entertain with musical selections. At eight o'clock the program starts, and from all advance reports, there will be fun and laughter aplenty. It is a surprise program—but you'll not be disappointed.

Anyone interested in the welfare of the children of the school district, is invited and urged to attend. A special business meeting will be a part of the evening's program.

## JOHN OROFINO SPEAKS BEFORE KIWANIS CLUB

Farmington Kiwanians enjoyed a talk Wednesday evening by one of Farmington's returned service men, John Orofino. Harry Walters was program chairman.

John attended high school here, and is well-known for being a member of the football squad.

He is now medically discharged from the army, after being wounded by a hand grenade. He was in combat overseas for a little over two months before being injured.

John interestingly told of his experiences overseas, of the fighting in which he took part across France, and on into Germany. Kiwanians asked him many questions, and it proved to be a thoroughly enjoyed program.

Reports were given on the progress of the United Nations Clothing Drive, in which Kiwanis is taking an active interest.

Farmington Club members will go to Windsor for an international meeting at the Prince Edward Hotel. This dinner meeting is an annual affair, and will be held on Wednesday, April 25.

## BETTY ROBERTS WILL SPEAK AT OPEN MEETING

Miss Betty Roberts of the Ideal Board Foundation will speak in Farmington on Thursday evening, April 19, as the guest of the Blue Star Mothers of America.

This is the regular meeting night of the Blue Star Mothers, but because of the fine speaker, and realizing everyone would enjoy her talk, the meeting was open to the public, and will be held in the High School Gymnasium, beginning promptly at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Class Reports On Local History

The following history of Farmington was written and edited by the Eighth Grade Class at Farmington Public Schools, Section A, and is reported by John Rudberg and Dick Wheeler, from material gathered by the entire class.

"The way this town got its name was that the first settlers were from Farmington, New York. The first settlers came February 1, 1824. They were Arthur Powers and his sons, John and Jared.

"The post office was established under the name of Farmington in the fall of 1825, with Dr. Ezekiel Webb as postmaster, and the first saw mill was erected by Arthur Powers. The south side of Grand River boasted the Owen House, located where the Pioneer State Bank is now. It since was moved back beside where the Kroger store now is, and turned into an apartment house. This hotel was at that time a stage coach stop between Lansing and Detroit.

"The business stores were mainly on the northern side of Grand River.

"Cook's Store was really a general store. The people would exchange butter and eggs for other things. The bank was located where the police station is now. The old Bell Telephone building was a tiny place with one operator. It was located where the

## The Call Is For Old Clothes

The collection of old clothing for the Allied Clothing Drive is drawing near the end in Farmington, with excellent results. Please make your contribution to the drive this week, if you have not already done so. You can aid greatly by bringing your contribution to one of the collection centers, and thus lighten the burden of a house-to-house canvass.

The Post Office has been receiving a generous contribution each day. You may place your donations on the table in the lobby, and they will be taken to the main collection depot at the Howland and Thayer home, 32011 Grand River Avenue. In the City, you may also leave contributions at the City Hall, or at any church.

Collection depots in the Township have been established at General Gas Station, 2720 Orchard Lake at 12 Mile, at Robertson's Hardware, 27740 Grand River, or at the Dickinson Real Estate office, 30719 Grand River. Township residents will find these collection centers most convenient, and they are urged to make use of them.

Various organizations in Farmington have identified their support of this collection, and a representative from each group is serving on the committee, under the general chairmanship of Howard Thayer. These groups are asked to check their membership and make sure that each is doing his part, and call on a few neighbors and see if they have contributed their old clothes.

This is a drive in which everyone should have a part. Have you done your share?

## PAGENKOPF BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Farmington saw one of the worst fires to occur within the city limits in some time, late last Thursday.

A fire had been started to burn some paper behind the barn on the Pagenkopf property on Farmington Road. With the strong wind blowing from the west, the fire rapidly spread, igniting the barn. The barn burned with an intense heat, and so swiftly that the fire spread to the house before firemen were able to put out the blaze.

There was nothing left of the barn, and considerable damage was done at the house. However, spectators at the fire took most of the household goods from the house, so little loss was suffered on this count. The buildings were partially covered by insurance.

## Bond Club Program Will Feature Movies

The monthly meeting of the Bond Club will be held Monday, April 16. A program of interesting movies has been arranged followed by lunch.

## New Commission Organizes At First Regular Session

### MORE VETERANS JOIN LOCAL V.F.W. POST

The Farmington Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars took in six new members at their meeting last week. Ray Postey, a returned veteran, joined the Post, along with five absentee members. The membership now stands at 33, with six weeks remaining in which members may join, and still be considered charter members.

The Auxiliary of the V.F.W. is now completing organization, and preparing to take an active part in all post activities.

The next meeting of the V.F.W. will be Wednesday evening, April 18, at the American Legion Home on Grand River Avenue.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ANNOUNCES V-DAY SERVICE

Looking forward to the day when fighting in Europe will cease, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd., has set its arrangements for a special V-Day service of prayer and thanksgiving. The time of the service has been set at 5 p.m. on the day when the cessation of hostilities is officially announced.

Commenting on the service, the Rev. E. L. Stuenkel, Pastor of the Church, remarked:

"Christians will want their celebration of this day to be one of sincere thanksgiving to God and not an orgy of drunkenness and revelry. If any feel like leaving home to celebrate, they will find the church open for worship and meditation throughout the day. And all who wish to join in a special worship on this day have a cordial invitation to attend the service at 5 p.m. to give thanks to God for victories won and to ask His continued blessing and protection over our land and our loved ones."

## A READER COMMENTS ON TWO ARTICLES

One of the Enterprise readers this week directed the following to the editor's desk:

"To anyone who may have seen the fine picture on the cover of the Detroit Evening Tribune, Section 4, of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima; You may be interested to know that in 'Collier's', April 11th edition, is a graphic account written by Marine Corps combat correspondents, fighting Marines, different from other Marines only in that their combat equipment includes portable typewriters, as well as guns. On the noisy beach, using discarded ammunition boxes for work tables, and ignoring the continuing battle, they begin this painfully intimate record, 'Two, The Red Hot Rock'.

"The manner in which they took Mount Suribachi, and the name of the four inflexible Marines who are shown in the famous flag picture, swinging the flag-bearing pole into position, is a story you will not want to miss. It is a story, look and listen to all of us who have said the Jap war might be over in 1945."

## FARM OWNERS WILL VOTE ON MONDAY

Farm land owners of Oakland County may vote on April 16, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., evening only, Central War Time, on whether a soil conservation district shall be established in Oakland County. The district is formed under State Law No. 297 of 1937, and is not to be confused with federal organizations using the name "conservation."

The district has the endorsement of a large number of farm organizations in the county, including the Farm Bureau, the Pomona Grange, Farmers Clubs, and over 600 farmers who signed petitions asking for a district.

Husbands and wives, if joint land owners, administrators, and trustees, may vote.

Polling in Farmington Township will be at Farmington Town Hall.

## Appointments For Ensuing Year Are Made

The new Farmington City Commission held its first regular meeting on Wednesday evening, with a full representation. Commissioners not serving are Tracy Conroy, Adolph Sacker, Fred Busnell, Emory Hutton, Alfred Jones and Theodore Hinger.

Mayor Delos Hamlin called the meeting to order promptly at 8:30. James Norrigan, speaking in behalf of the American Legion, was present to ask the Commission if they would sponsor a boy to attend Wolverine Boys' State. The Commission voted to do so.

Dr. P. W. Portis, Charles Larson and John Orosko attended the meeting as representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Larson explained the Buddy Poppy Day, originated and sponsored by the V.F.W. to raise funds for their welfare work, requesting a proclamation be made setting aside a time for such a sale in Farmington. This will be done as soon as the date is definitely planned. It is planned that only one Poppy Day will be held and a plan worked out whereby all veterans' groups will participate in the sale of poppies, thus avoiding any confusion or misunderstanding between the different organizations.

The V.F.W. representatives also requested permission to use the Farmington Town Hall for their meetings. The Commission unanimously passed a motion to allow the V.F.W. to hold meetings for organizational purposes only, at no charge. Rental fees are waived for this purpose only.

Guat Pappas, proprietor of the Varsity Restaurant, was present, and stated that as yet no applications had been sent to the State for the renewal of his license. He said the time as the applications are received here it is impossible to pass on them, and it now appears that a special meeting will be called in order to pass on the renewals before the deadline of May 1.

Appointments Made

Mayor Hamlin called the following recommendations for posts on the Commission, and all were approved. Commissioner of streets, sidewalks, Emory Hutton; Commissioner of sewers, parks and boulevards, Ted Hinger; Commissioner of fire department, Baginall; Commissioner in charge of water department, Trace Conroy; Commissioner in charge of public buildings and cemetery, Alfred Jones, and commissioner in charge of police and fire departments, Adolph Sacker.

General discussion was held relative to the critical situation now existing regarding the disposal of garbage. The commission heartily agreed that the matter demanded instant attention, and a committee of Dr. Conroy, Baginall and Hutton, was appointed to work out a system of garbage collection for the city.

Fred Baginall was named Mayor Pro Tem, and Arthur Lamb is to again act as a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors from the City of Farmington. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner will serve as health officer for the coming year.

It was voted to continue the present policy of assessing 2 per cent penalty on unpaid taxes September 1, and 4 per cent after November 1.

Clean up days in the City have been set for Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8.

## PTA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY

The April meeting of the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association will be held Tuesday, April 17, at eight o'clock in Farmington High School Gymnasium.

The program is under the sponsorship of the fifth grade, with Richard Wheeler, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank Huff, ninth grade mother. A feature of the program will be musical selections by a chorus of girls' glee club members. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

THIS GAL... could be hurrying downtown to buy some Kleenex—just in case anyone had any, or on the other hand, she could be hurrying to get out of the way of one of those automobiles that takes our main corner on two wheels. Even if everyone is supposed to be using extreme care in driving their automobiles, with an eye to conserving



their tires as long as possible, there are some individuals who seem to think they are above such restrictions—and so they tear along as merrily—and as fast—as ever. One of these fine days they may find it is a different story, with tears to their sorrow. How about it? A little common sense now may save a life, for already we've seen many close calls, and one day it will be more than just a close call.

**COLOR . . . . .**  
is beginning to burst forth in Farmington—and not in midday's heat, either—but in the beautiful flowering shrubs in yards all about town. The season is so advanced that already one is beginning to see red and yellow in patches all about the yard.

**CONVENIENCE . . . . .**  
is the last word. We now have a bunch on which those awaiting arrival of the Pontiac bus—or those just wishing to relax for a moment—may pass the time. In case you've not yet noticed it, you'll find it on the west side of the Farmington State Bank, all painted gray and green.

**THE CLICK . . . . .**  
of the lawnmower is with us again. For "mow" you, to you.

**DAME RUMOR . . . . .**  
would have great things happening to Farmington, come the end of the war. With property being snatched up here and there, there's just no end to the possibilities, or more accurately, the probabilities, of our city in the post-war period. Hold onto your hats, boys—here we go!

**THE SAND LOT . . . . .**  
is a mighty popular spot these days. All the kids in town are having a wonderful time. Some of their elders even get a few ideas from them. However, about



the time they've tossed a few pitches, and had a few files pounded out in their direction, they realize there's not as young as they once were.

**CONGRATULATIONS . . . . .**  
go this week to Betty Hunt. You may recall Betty won the local contest, under the sponsorship of the Legions Auxiliary, with her essay on "Thomas Jefferson and His Contribution to American Democracy." The essay was so very good that it also placed in district competition, and has now gone on to the State judging. Good work, Betty.

**THE DATE . . . . .**  
is Tuesday, April 24. "Make Way For Tomorrow" is the theme. That's right—it's the annual Kiwanis Show. Tickets now available from any Kiwanis member, so get yours now. Sounds like a swell show, and as usual there will be lots of fun, so—make way for April 24. We'll see you then, at the High School Gym.

## W.S.C.S. To Meet For Pot Luck Luncheon

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church will meet on Thursday, April 19, in the church dining room. Pot luck luncheon will be served at 12:30. All members and friends are invited.