

Around The Block

FREEDOM . . . is here to stay. All through the long, weary months of the war that gallant lady, The Statue of Liberty, has lifted her torch high, bringing hope and inspiration to the countless number who looked upon her. Now that silent promise of peace has been fulfilled, and



freedom is assured. Her torch burns more brightly her promise for a brighter, happier future not only for America, but it is our earnest hope that it will be a brighter, happier future the world over.

JUST OPENED . . . is the Farmington Radio Company, in the new shop East of the Victory Restaurant. It is a pleasure to welcome this new business to Farmington, and we wish them a long and prosperous stay here.

HORSES . . . were all over the place Labor Day. Seems as though we've never seen such a variety of beautiful horses all at once, as turned out for the American Legion Horse Show. They were all over the place and all over the road — it was quite a problem figuring out where to be, so the horses would not be in the same place. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the show, which was well attended.

EVERYONE . . . seemed to have some place to go over the week end, and most of our residents spent at least a portion of the week end away at some lake, or visiting with some friends or relatives out-of-town. Now that gasoline rationing has been started, I presume it will be a bit more difficult to call up the gang, and plan some spur-of-the-moment get-together. It was so easy to find everyone right around town, now they'll be catching up for lost time.

OUR VOTE . . . for the next day of the week goes to Mrs. Clarence Bicknell, known, visited each church in Farmington last Sunday morning, delivering a lovely bouquet of flowers, which she wished placed on the altar, honoring our boys from Farmington who had done their share to make possible the victorious end of the war, bringing peace to the world. We are sure they will all appreciate such thoughtfulness.

SIGNALS . . . will be marking out a race field now that the kids have swung into the football season. We'll just see how they're cooking up all kinds of new little things they can spring on their opponents to batle them, and end up the season right on top of the heap. We're with you, fellows — let's show them how it's done!

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

It has been announced by William J. McCauley, manager of the Pontiac office of the Social Security Board, with offices in the Peoples State Building, that the 40-hour week is now in effect. Social Security Board offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be closed on Saturday.

Mrs. Genevieve Holcomb, Ginner and Frank of Lathrop Township spent the week end in Farmington.

Mrs. Lulu Schaeper is continuing to her home with an attack of pleurisy.

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Crowd Attends Horse Show

Color Guard Leads Parade

The Third Annual American Legion Horse Show held on Labor Day, at the corner of Maple and Grand River Avenues, is hailed as a huge success.

This show was far the largest show yet sponsored by the Legion, with 248 horses entered, not only from the Farmington area, but from Mt. Clemens, Port Huron, Plymouth, Wayne, Plank, and Dexter.

Proceeding the show a parade formed at Gill Road and Grand River proceeding along Grand River Avenue to the show grounds. American Legion members, bearing the Colors, led the procession, followed immediately by the Farmington High School Band, jauntily dressed in new uniforms. They were followed by entries in the show.

A large crowd watched the running of the various events. All entry fees for the various events were returned to the contestants as prize money. There are several who did not claim their prize money, and they may get the prize by calling at the police booth in the Farmington City Hall.

Special features of the show included a demonstration by George Crooks and Bud Leach, who both had trick horses, and a quadrille put on by the El Chico Riding Club. These were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Judges of the show were George Huber of Dexter and Chester Menden of Detroit. Mr. Huber was formerly with the famous "101 Show" and is leaving immediately for California to make a picture with Zack Miller, which will be a reproduction of the "101 Show". Thanks is extended to Austin Grant, who accompanied to the High School Band and Lloyd Smith, director, and to all entries in the show.

MICHIGAN BELL LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM

Its wartime operations at an end, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company today announced that it has launched a \$125,000 five-year postwar construction program.

George M. Welch, president of the company, said the program will include the erection of new buildings and 12 major additions to present buildings, expenditure of \$50,000 for new central office equipment, long distance cable containing 50,000 miles of wire and cables for local calls with enough wire to encircle the globe more than a hundred times. Construction already is under way on \$5,000,000 worth of projects and engineering preliminaries have been completed on about one-fourth the total program, Welch said.

The proposed program, largest in the history of the company over a comparable period, will increase the size of the Michigan Bell system nearly 50 per cent. It will reach out to virtually all of the company's 252 exchanges. Interrupted by war, the company's long-range expansion and improvement projects will be resumed at a cost of more than \$13,000,000.

Welch said the program will provide telephone jobs not only for the company's 2,800 employees in the armed forces but also for 2,000 new telephone workers. In addition, thousands of jobs will be provided indirectly for employees of sub-contractors, builders, and suppliers.

Citing the company's No. 1 objective as providing service for the 125,000 now on the waiting list, Welch cautioned against undue optimism. "Although our postwar job is started and will be accelerated as rapidly as possible," he said, "it is of such magnitude that we still must ask the public's cooperation and patience."

Mrs. Paul Leubach, the former Shirley Koss of Baseline Road, and son, Larry, left Saturday for their new home in Swanton, Florida.

Preference Given To Acquire Land

Joseph DeVriendt, the Veteran Councilor for this area, has made known this week, the procedure for veterans to follow in obtaining land from the State Land Board.

Veterans do receive preference in buying State land. They may find out what land is available from the Board of Assessors' Records, and they can then go to the State Land Board Office and make a bid on the land, at the figure the State has issued. This bid cannot be raised by any outside purchaser, once the veteran has made known his intentions to buy the land.

A veteran may bid by proxy if he is unable to go to the State Land Board himself. All that is necessary is for his proxy to give his name, rank and serial number, and the bid will be recorded.

M.S.C. PLANS COURSES FOR VETERANS

Three special training courses for agricultural enterprises, believed to be of particular interest to war veterans, will be inaugurated at Michigan State College this fall, Ralph W. Tenney, director of short courses, announces.

A cooperative project of the college and certain agricultural industries, one-year courses will be given in Forest Practice and Farm Equipment Service and Sales and a two-year course in Nursery and Landscape Management. In addition to on-campus instruction, the courses will offer on-the-job training in industry.

To be eligible for the course, one of the following requirements must be met: satisfactory completion of three years of high school, honorable discharge from the armed services, or satisfactory work experience and at least 18 years of age. An applicant for the forestry course must be able to pass a physical examination to indicate that he is physically able to handle the work.

The courses will be operated on a 12-week basis coinciding with college quarters. Registration dates for the fall term are September 20-21. Requests for further information regarding the course should be addressed to the short course director.

BETTER GASOLINE NOW AVAILABLE

"Gasoline of better than prior quality has been started to local motorists from Sinclair refineries," according to a statement made today by William C. Hartmann, local agent for Sinclair Refining Company.

Mr. Hartmann said Sinclair refineries are shipping 75 Octane Sinclair HC House Brand gasoline and 80 Octane premium grade. Wartime restrictions have limited House Brand to 70 Octane and premium gasoline to 76 Octane. Steps are also being taken to raise through blending operations the Octane value of the gasoline now in storage so as to make available to the consumer near war quality immediately. It should take but a few days to restore pre-war quality in the gasoline.

"We are anxious to give the motorists this new quality motor fuel as soon as possible," Mr. Hartmann concluded.

MALE CHORUS WILL BEGIN NEW SEASON

The male chorus, which was organized last spring, will begin practices for the fall season on Wednesday, September 12, at the Farmington Band House. All members who attended practice sessions last season, and men of the community who are interested in belonging to a male chorus, are urged to be present at this first practice.

Private Betty G. Knoll, daughter of Mrs. Vivian S. Pound, 2414 Washington Street, Farmington, a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently left First WAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for duty with the Army at Oakridge, Tennessee.

KIWANIS PLAN MODEL PLANE CONTEST

The Farmington Kiwanis Club held their first regular meeting of the new fall season Wednesday evening, following a round of summer activity. A round-table was held at the evening, various fields of interest being presented for the consideration of Kiwanians.

The club is planning a boys' and girls' activity program, with the present on winter sports. In this same program is a model airplane contest, with Lloyd Smith and V. O. Bates in charge of arrangements. They will work out the plans for a model plane field and all other details of the contest. Those wishing entry blanks may obtain them from either Mr. Smith or Mr. Bates at Farmington High School.

Publicity activities are also being planned by a committee.

Discussion was held regarding the State meeting to be held in Lansing on Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15. K. Loomis, as president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, is official delegate to this meeting, though other club members are also planning to attend. The meeting will open with a regular meeting of the Lansing Kiwanis Club at the Hotel Olds.

County Farms To Be Aided

The 1945 AAA program should go further than any past program in meeting the most serious needs for soil-building and water-conserving measures on Oakland County farms, according to County AAA Chairman Walter R. Cook.

A new plan of operation adopted for next year's program will give county and township AAA committeemen more to say in deciding what practices should be pushed in the county.

Chairman Walter R. Cook practices the new plan as being very helpful at this particular time. The increase in production on Oakland County farms during the war has increased the need for restoring and maintaining soil-fertility and for other conservation measures.

Because funds available for AAA assistance are not sufficient to cover all the soil-building or water-conserving needs of either the Nation or the county, the new plan aims to use them on the farms and for the practices where they will do the most good. The farmer-aided township committeemen have the experience and the knowledge to get AAA assistance where it is most needed, Mr. Cook believes.

Under the new plan the State AAA Committee will allocate a definite sum of money as a county budget for AAA assistance to farmers next year.

The county committee, in consultation with the farmer-elected township committeemen, will then choose from an approved list of the conservation practices most needed on farms in this county.

The township committeemen will call upon individual farmers next winter and spring and help them work out a plan of AAA assistance on their farms. It will be the responsibility of the county committee to see that the total of all assistance approved for the county does not run more than the soil-building budget allowed by the State committee.

Mr. Cook points out that the AAA program is important to people living in towns and cities as well as to farmers. The conservation practices encouraged by AAA help farmers grow more and better quality feed, thereby protecting both the pocketbooks and the health of the folks who buy it. A program of public assistance such as AAA is particularly needed at this time when farmers have gone all-out to produce for war with resulting loss of soil productivity.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED

Announcement is made this week that Bible Study, under the direction of Miss Mary McDonald, will again be given in the Farmington schools this year. This course is sponsored by the Protestant churches of the community.

Officer Added To Night Force

An extra officer has been added to the night force of the Farmington Police Department in an effort to curb the increasing traffic problem. With the relaxation of gasoline rationing, many more automobiles are now on the road, and they are being driven at an excessive rate of speed.

Several tickets have been issued to drivers who were speeding in excess of fifty miles per hour within the City limits. Local residents are asked to heed the speed limit, and do their part in preventing any traffic accidents.

KITES MAY BE DANGEROUS SAFETY HAZARD

An urgent warning against the purchase and use of any kite with metal in the string or with metal supports in the kite was issued today by R. P. Douglas, head of the safety department of The Detroit Edison Company.

"Kites with metal in them or in the string are about to be offered for sale as surplus material from Army or Navy stocks, and are a dangerous hazard about which we want to warn the public. If one of these kites is set over a power line or electric wire or line it may immediately burn it down and the fallen wires can be very dangerous. Even if the string has no metal in it, a little dampness will let the string carry current to the child on the ground and he may be instantly killed or badly burned," Mr. Douglas said.

"We are notifying the Army and any store owner concerned that this kite is unsuitable and very dangerous for public use. The signal word on the ocean and lakes with any metal in the kite or string, and don't try to fly them in damp weather according to The Detroit Edison Company.

Safety rules for kite fliers are: Always use cotton or linen string, never metal or tinzel as it is dangerous; fly kites in open fields; do not climb poles or throw rocks to get kites off wire; don't use kites with any metal in the kite or string; and don't try to fly them in damp weather according to The Detroit Edison Company.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS PLAN FUNCTIONS

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their September birthday party on Wednesday, September 12, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Kahl, with kites with any metal in the kite or string, and don't try to fly them in damp weather according to The Detroit Edison Company.

The regular meeting of the Blue Star Mothers will be held Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington Town Hall. Members are requested to bring gifts for Percy Jones and Convalescent Hospital at Fort Custer. These are small wrapped gifts to be used for prizes, and for birthdays, which the hospitals have requested.

GARDEN CLUB WILL OPEN NEW SEASON

The Farmington Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the 1945-6 season at two o'clock Monday afternoon, September 10, at the home of Mrs. John Grant, 22015 Valleyview. A program and tea will follow the business session.

Mrs. Donald Stewart is chairman of the committee in charge and she will be assisted by Mrs. F. W. Sinks, Mrs. William Slocum, Mrs. A. C. Sloman and Mrs. Warren Joy.

Members are urged to attend this, the first meeting of the new season.

Mrs. Florence Edgar Starts Fall Term

Mrs. Florence Edgar, teacher of piano, announces that the fall season will open on Monday, September 10. Students will resume their study during the week.

Cooperation Is Asked In School Safety Program

GARBAGE COLLECTION NOW UNDER WAY

Garbage collection in the City of Farmington is now under way. Until the system is properly organized it may be that some people wishing this service are misled in the collection.

However, it is the aim of the City, and of the collector, to give service to every home and business place in the community. If you have been missed so far, please be a little patient, until the system is regulated, and you will get this service.

All that is required of the resident is to have a garbage can in a place where the collection may easily be made.

NEW BANG'S DISEASE LAW IS IMPORTANT

A new law listed as Public Act No. 280, of the Regular Session of 1945, will be of much importance to farmers and especially livestock dealers who buy and sell cattle, states Charles Figg, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Act provides that all cattle over twelve months of age that have been sold or moved to associate with cattle of another herd must be accompanied with a certificate of record which shall be issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture, showing the animal to be negative to a Bang's disease test which is a test of the cattle originated from a herd which was tested and the entire herd negative within ninety days prior to such sale or movement.

The Act provides that it shall not apply to steers or cattle being moved for immediate slaughter. "Vaccinated cattle over twelve months of age must have the same certificate unless they were vaccinated under Federal-State supervision between the ages of four and eight months and were negative to test prior to vaccination and properly recorded with the Department of Agriculture.

PAST MATRONS ENTERTAINED AT LAKE OUTING

The Barnes family at Lake St. Clair entertained the Past Matrons Club and their families on Sunday. Mrs. Hazel Lynch was hostess. Everyone enjoyed a boat ride and the pot luck dinner.

It was decided to have a special meeting September 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Ann Holcomb. Please bring your articles to be priced by the committee for the bazaar which will be held on September 25 at the Masonic Temple dining room.

THE BAILLEYS RESUME DANCING LESSONS

Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, teachers of ballroom dancing, announce the opening of the fall season.

They invite former students, or those who are interested in learning to become good dancers, to visit them at 132 Randolph Street, Northville, for an interview.

BOOK REVIEW WILL INTEREST EVERYONE

A book review of the famous novel, "Anything Can Happen", will be held Wednesday evening, September 12, at 8:00 p.m. at Farmington Town Hall. The review will be given by Mrs. Henry Widnietz, and is sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Sorrows Circle.

The book, "Anything Can Happen" by George Thomas Shively, is a story of the basic American way of life, and it is filled with truth, stranger than fiction. There is no doubt but what America is the country where "anything can happen," and this book proves it. You will enjoy this evening of fine entertainment, and a cordial invitation is extended to attend this book review.

YOU NEED HIM!
HE NEEDS YOU!
BUY WAR BONDS

Need For Additional Cars Is Emphasized

This year, more than ever, due to a greater number of motor vehicles on the public highways and the increase in traffic speed, it will be necessary for the general public and schools to cooperate to insure the safety of boys and girls.

Vehicles driving by school buildings should travel at a very low rate of speed as small youngsters often times dart out into the street. Vehicles should also come to a complete stop when entering Warner Street from Grand Street as a large number of school children must cross at this intersection. Both teachers and parents should instruct children to cross busy streets only at designated crossings, to use sidewalks or side of the road wherever possible, and to walk on the highway only on the proper side of the highway, facing on-coming traffic.

Bus drivers will take every precaution in loading and unloading children on the school buses. Where several pupils get off at one stop they should wait in a group until the bus has passed on, and then if necessary cross the street, older boys and girls should assist younger ones safely across. When small children are let off the bus, the driver will make sure that no traffic is coming in either direction before letting the child off if it is necessary that he cross the street.

A new section was added to Act 318 Public Acts of 1927 by the last Michigan Legislature which reads as follows: "A driver is prohibited from overtaking and passing school bus which has stopped on the highway to receive or discharge passengers. A driver, overtaking such a stopped school bus, must stop his car at least five feet behind the bus and then proceed with caution. A driver need not stop behind a school bus stopped at an intersection where traffic is controlled by an officer or a traffic stop-and-go signal. The Act does not apply to school buses inside incorporated cities or villages."

Older boys and girls will be instructed by teachers not to ride bicycles on the school playgrounds or on walks near school buildings in order that injuries may not occur to other youngsters. Parents who call at any of the schools either during the noon hour or at night for their children are earnestly requested not to park in the bus loading zone. Our buses will not run on schedule and cannot wait for traffic to clear.

With gas rationing eliminated, it is quite certain that a larger number of high school boys and girls will be driving cars to school. It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Farmington High School for a number of years to ask pupils who drive cars to school to not drive them during the day without special permission from the principal. Although this may curtail a few individual's personal pleasure, it is an extremely important safety measure, both for pedestrians and drivers, as the streets near the high school are heavily congested during noon hours and other times in which cars might be driven.

We request the sincere cooperation of the parents of all boys and girls who drive cars to school, in this matter. We also ask the cooperation of parents whose sons and daughters live in town and go home to lunch and feel that they may drive their cars freely at that time. We all know that although a great majority of high school boys and girls are good drivers they tend, unconsciously, to drive at excessive speeds. When the war is over, let's work together to save lives on the home front.

Legion Auxiliary Meets September 10

A regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Monday, September 10, at 8:30 p.m., at the Legion Home on Grand River Avenue. Members are asked to please meet promptly.