

THE FIRST ...

warm, sunny days of spring whet the imagination of all of us, from the very young to the very old. Of course to the housewife it may mean that she is going to get busy right away quick before it gets really warm, and get all her housecleaning done. To the boys and girls comes the realization that summer vacation is almost here and immediately they begin to think of what they will do this summer, either by way of occupation or pleasure. The gardener and farmer thinks of what he must do in order to have a good, thrifty crop, and already we hear of many who have part of the garden in City employees, too, must feel a certain sense of realization come over them, for once the moving starts, and the numerous regular jobs keep coming in they'll find they have precious little time for anything else. That rain this week made the trees and grass turn green as could be, and it seems to be growing twice as quickly now.

MAY 13 AND 14 ...

have been designated as Spring Clean-up Days in the City of Farmington. Let's do our part in this effort and make it a clean-up job that we can all take pride in, for surely we need it. The whole city has looked unusually cluttered up, and the streets and sidewalks need a good cleaning, so we have been waiting for it. It's not too early to take inventory and see what you can do about it.

WE'D LIKE TO ...

add our congratulations to the innumerable congratulations he has undoubtedly received before this, to Wendell Brown, Detroit attorney who makes his home in our Township. Mr. Brown is included in the Third Edition of the Biographical Encyclopedia of the World under "Who's Important in Law", just off the press.

AND STILL ...

more of our boys are getting home—and to stay. Most of them are home now, and have been for some time, but there are still a few who have been overseas for months waiting to get back. Among those most recently to arrive home are Ted Leonard, son of the Archie Leonards, who has been in Austria and Richard Pauline, son of Mrs. Hertha Pauline, who has been in the Pacific area.

THE CHURCHES ...

were filled last Sunday, and even on the very early morning service every seat was taken. The music was beautiful, too, for every church had arranged some special choral numbers. The weather, too, was just perfect. No day could have been nicer for our first pennance Easter in four years.

## KIWANIS BENEFIT SHOW TO BE HELD TUESDAY EVENING

Over \$65 worth of door prizes will be given away Tuesday evening, April 30 at the Farmington Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's show at the Civic Theatre. Another group will MC this part of the program.

The all-technician show, featuring 20th Century Fox's "The Star of the Future," will start at 7:30. In addition to the main picture, there will be a special feature to be shown. As a special addition the Farmington "Viking Quartet" will sing a selection of baritone numbers. An all-girl orchestra from the Farmington High School will also participate in the program.

All proceeds derived from the show will go to the Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's Fund. Tickets may be purchased Tuesday evening at the door or may be sent to Farmington Kiwanis.

## Boy Scouts Will Pick Up Paper

Farmington Boy Scout Troop 75 under the leadership of William Barnum and Richard Erickson will have a waste paper drive on Saturday, April 27. If you have paper that you wish to have picked up, please call Farmington 0710, and the Scouts will be sure to stop for it on Saturday.

## Dessert Luncheon Planned By Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a card party at the American Legion Home Friday, April 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will be a dessert luncheon with prizes for each table.

## Fires Cause Considerable Damage

### Overheated Stove Starts Blaze

Fire from an overheated stove caused approximately \$150 damage to the garage home of B. E. O'Dell, Orchard Lake Road near Thirteenth Mile Road, Friday evening, April 19.

The fire was first discovered at 6 o'clock by a neighbor who called the Farmington Fire Department. The roof and one corner of the two room building were gutted by fire. Heavy smoke caused considerable damage to the front room of the quarters.

O'Dell, Farmington painter, had both his shop and living quarters in the building. It was not covered by insurance.

Approximately \$3,500 damage was caused when fire destroyed a barn of the Walden Henke farm, Middlebelt near Twelfth Mile Road Wednesday evening, April 17.

The fire had burned off the roof before it was discovered, and spread out of control before the Farmington Fire Department could reach the farm. However they were able to keep the fire from spreading to other near-by buildings. The barn was insured. It was not determined how the fire started.

Henke was able to save some stock from the burning structure, however two calves died in the blaze.

The department was called to town Tuesday evening, and quickly extinguished a blaze on the roof of the porch at the front of the building. Little damage was done.

## BAND BANQUET WILL BE HELD NEXT THURSDAY

The Farmington High School Band banquet will be held Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the school gymnasium. The Band Mothers are in charge, and all are invited to attend the dinner which will be pot luck.

Songs will be given by band members as entertainment.

Please call Mrs. John Yund, president of the F.H.S. Band Boosters' Club, at 0977-M for further details.

## Open House Will Honor Couple On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cox, lifelong residents of Oakland County, will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 23, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ray Layland of 26623 Griggs Avenue. Open house will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All of their friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Local O.E.S. To Entertain County Association

The Farmington Chapter No. 239 Order of Eastern Star will entertain the Oakland County Association for their spring meeting on Friday, May 10, at the Methodist Church. The meeting opens at 10:00 a.m. Dinner is served at 12:00. Reservations for the dinner must be in by May 3.

## Japanese American Sergeant From Farmington Awarded Bronze Star For Heroic Achievement

Paulinus Base Section Headquarters, Leghorn, Italy—For twice exposing himself to deadly enemy fire in order to eliminate several gun positions that were holding up the advance of his Battalion in the vicinity of Servavice, Italy, on the 6th of April 1945, Staff Sergeant Paul H. Nomura of Farmington Michigan was recently presented the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action.

Staff Sergeant Nomura is a veteran combat infantryman of three major campaigns in both Italy and France. The action for which he was cited occurred when the 442nd Central Postal Directory was participating in the bitter and final offensive in northern Italy.

In the vicinity of Servavice, Italy, Staff Sergeant, then Private First Class Nomura was called upon to lead a Battalion of his platoon to neutralize an enemy

## "Spring Fever" Comes To Town

Spring fever has invaded Farmington, and those who seem to be the most seriously affected are the kids, and it is very young. There is something about this season of the year, whether it is an atmospheric condition, the result of the sunshine or just because everything is looking so green, that makes the kids feel it is found in the hearts and minds of the little tots, and that longing to take to the open road becomes more than they can cope with.

Three times in the last two days the Farmington Police have had a young wanderer in their custody. The first of the trio was found on Tuesday forenoon at the Farmington Road - Grand River Intersection. He was carrying a sand pail and had a couple of pennies in it. It was not long before he discovered that it was a very easy matter to acquire additional pennies, for those who passed along the street, seeing the little boy, and it is very young, would give him a penny or two. Soon he had enough for an ice cream cone, which he purchased with the help of Officer Bill Carpenter. The latter was a bit worried about the little boy, particularly when he saw the school noon hour speed up the confusion about the corner, and so he put him in the police car for safe keeping.

"Anyone knows how that would delight a little boy, and it is just what he was so contented. In fact he was so contented, that he refused to give out any information about himself. He just wouldn't talk. That doesn't mean that he could not nod a most enthusiastic 'yes' with his head when

## Teacher Tenure Is Discussed

Members of the Farmington Township Teachers' Club arranged a dinner and meeting at which teacher tenure was the topic on Tuesday evening. School Board members were guests at the dinner, and several interested residents attended the open meeting which followed.

Mr. Amundsen, field representative of the Michigan Education Association, was introduced by Royal Davis, and he acted as moderator of the discussion and introduced the other guests, Mr. Thomas, director of Field Service of the M.E.A. and Dr. Housh, head of the Elementary Training Division of Michigan State College, and former superintendent of schools at Lake Orion.

The purpose of this meeting was to clearly define the meaning of tenure, how it is working in other school systems, and what it means to the teachers and the boys and girls who are attending school.

Tenure is a legal and orderly plan for retaining those teachers who are wanted in the school system, and eliminating those who do not meet qualifications. Mr. Amundsen pointed out that he first became interested in tenure because of the possibilities it has for improving the things that happen to boys and girls in our schools. He regards it as a principle of the education system, the best educational system possible.

Mr. Thomas stated that tenure gives protection not only to the

## Male Chorus Will Sing Over Station WEXL

The Farmington Male Chorus has been invited to sing over radio station WEXL in Royal Oak, on Wednesday evening, May 8.

The program is scheduled for 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. and will include the following songs from their repertoire, as well as new numbers.

Tune your radio dial to 1340 that evening to hear your home town janglers make their debut on the air.

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stronghold on a hill overlooking the whole battalion sector. On advancing toward the stronghold comprised of six enemy machine guns and supporting machine rifle fire, Sergeant Nomura advanced to the left flank and fired a shell into the enemy position and fired upon the enemy position which provided covering for his advancing platoon.

In the two engagements six Germans were killed and thirty-two captured. The loss of enemy equipment was rendered useless.

Prior to his entry into the Army Sergeant Nomura was a resident of Farmington, Michigan. He entered the Army on April 22, 1944, and served overseas in November of the same year. In addition to the Bronze Star description, Sergeant Nomura wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, the European Theater Ribbon with Battle Participation Stars for the Rhineland, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns.

## Farmington Nine Beats Northville

(Bill Conroy)

The P.H.S. clubmen defeated Northville last Thursday in their first tilt of the 1946 season as they clipped the Orange and Black for 7 hits and 4 runs.

Dave Carley went all the way for Farmington, hitting three home runs in the first inning, and only one hit. Farmington scored two tallies in the first inning to take an early lead and again added one in the second and one in the fourth.

Northville played a good ball game all the way but were unable to halt the speedy Falcons, who were credited with 10 stolen bases.

Bob McLean was the only man to collect two hits, but Bill Van Hulle's double in the first inning was the spark that proved fatal for Northville.

Falcons averages stand as follows:

	R	H	E	Ave.
McLean	0	2	0	.556
Van Hulle	0	1	0	.333
Haller	1	1	0	.333
Tyler	2	0	0	.000
Conroy	0	1	0	.000
Carley	0	1	0	.000
Chapman	0	1	1	.333
Delling	0	0	0	.000
Conroy	0	1	0	.000

Farmington will meet Holly Fri at 3:30 p.m. on their home field at 3:30 o'clock.

## NEW HEALTH LAWS DISCUSSED BY PTA GROUP

The Clarencville Parent-Teacher Association met at the High School on Tuesday evening, April 16, at 8:00 p.m. Before the meeting was opened the members were entertained by part of the school bands. They played several favorite songs, including a grand number to be played at their coming concert in May.

Dr. John Vos addressed the meeting, explaining the new State ruling lifting quarantine from almost all contagious diseases with the exception of smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid. These three diseases have known stages of incubation and contagion, and also a guaranteed immunization, and are quarantined, including the carrying of the spread of the disease. Others, such as measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and infantile paralysis have no known limited time for incubation and contagion and only the certainty of preventing the spread of the disease. Others, such as measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and infantile paralysis have no known limited time for incubation and contagion and only the certainty of preventing the spread of the disease.

It is however, still firmly stressed that a person or child known to be suffering from a contagious disease should be placed under medical care and isolated from other people. The rest of the family may attend school and continue their work.

The second speaker was Mrs. Moore, State membership chairman of the Michigan P.T.A., who spoke at some length of the interests and aims of the P.T.A., the

## TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

There was a record attendance at the meeting of the Farmington Township Civic Association held at Gramer's Hall on April 23. Many new members were signed up, which is a sure sign that day by day more and more people are becoming conscious of the fact that they are the ones that must act to improve their community.

The election of new officers took place and Fred Wilkinson was elected president. Other officers are: Edward Miller, vice president; John W. Engelhardt, secretary and Mrs. Clara Gossett, treasurer.

The election took up most of the time and therefore not much business of other nature was discussed, but the next meeting promises to be one of much interest to everyone.

## Clarencville Church Ends Successful Drive

Last Sunday marked the close of a six week's Sunday School at the home of Mrs. St. Francis on the Clarencville Methodist Sunday School. The drive was highly successful, for with a goal of 400 on Easter Day, attendance figures showed that there were 404 in attendance.

The church was allowed to expand at all of the services, and 22 people were received into membership.

## Board To Take Action On Teachers' Contracts Friday

### Tax Exemption Blanks Now Available For Vets

Arthur Lamb, Farmington City assessor, now has on hand a supply of the proper tax blanks by which veterans may request tax exemption.

Any qualified veteran who wishes one of these forms may secure it from Mr. Lamb at his home, 33204 Oakland Avenue.

## GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL HONORS MRS. ORA JOY

A dinner meeting of the Girl Scout Council was held Tuesday evening at the High School Cafeteria. Mrs. Zolisky was in charge of the dinner, and Mrs. Huff acted as the emcee.

The Ladies Aid served the dinner, and also presented a playlet as a part of the program. Mrs. Guy Duran provided floral arrangements.

Mrs. Clyde Reed led in group singing, and reports were given by chairmen of the various activities, including Day Camp, and the Oakland County organization. Approximately forty women were in attendance.

Mrs. Reed expressed the sentiments of all members of the group when she gave the following citation for Mrs. Ora Joy and presented Mrs. Joy with a lovely pin.

Mrs. Reed said, "For over eight years an active contributing member of the Farmington Girl Scout organization. A troop leader who achieved exceptionally high standards for troop activities. A council member who has served loyally and contributed much during difficult and discouraging years to the building of a growing, vital organization. A Day Camp director characterized by enthusiasm, skill and real leadership both on girl and adult levels. Exemplifying the true spirit and meaning of the Girl Scout Promise and Laws to the nearly 1000 young women whose lives she has touched either directly or indirectly, the Girl Scout activities."

"For these tangible services and for the less tangible spirit and inspiration of true Scouting, in the name of girls, leaders and board members, The Farmington Township Girl Scout Council cites for recognition and grants this ample token of appreciation to Ora Joy."

## MOTHER'S CLUB TO CONTINUE SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Clarencville Mothers' Club met at the home of Mrs. Kane on Parkville Avenue on Wednesday, April 17. Pot luck lunch preceded the meeting which opened at two o'clock.

A successful pie sale was reported at the high school on Tuesday. A beautiful all wool blanket was drawn, the lucky winner being Mrs. Downen of Birkley. The lunch program at Edgewood School, sponsored by the Mothers' Club, is now a self-supporting project. It will be continued again next September with Mrs. Christensen in charge, by popular demand.

The sale of several articles was reported and the proceeds turned in to the treasury.

Cards were played at the end of a successful meeting.

The Mothers' Club will meet on Wednesday, May 1, at noon at the home of Mrs. St. Francis, 20414 Ashgate. Visitors are always welcome.

## STAR FEDERATION INSTITUTE IS WELL ATTENDED

The Institute held by the Star Federation of the W.C.T.U. was well attended. Mrs. Ivan Graham of Walpole Lake spoke on "China" and Mrs. E. Williams of Redford spoke on "Alcohol Education." Helen Willis and Esther Flieger gave readings. Special music was rendered by Mrs. George Shaw and Mrs. J. Hally of Clarencville and Miss Flint of Novi.

Rev. Willard of the Benish Baptist Church, closed the program with an interesting talk on the liquor problem.

## JOHN GRACE PTA WILL SPONSOR BROADCAST

The John Grace Parent Teachers Association are sponsoring Russ Mulholland's "Meet the Misses" broadcast and luncheon at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 20221 Inkster Road, on Wednesday, May 16.

The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and no one will be admitted after 11:00 a.m.

Reservations for the affair will close May 10. Please call Mrs. Lloyd Merriweather at Farmington 1518-B before that date to make your reservations.

## Dr. Adams Speaks Here Next Week On Thursday

Dr. Frank Adams will speak at the Universalist Church, on Thursday, May 2, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Box Social And Dance Is At Macabee Hall

There will be an old fashioned box social and old time and modern dance, given by Golden Circle Men's Club at the Macabee Hall, 20220 St. Francis on Friday evening, May 3.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and have a good time.

## V.F.W. Auxiliary Meets Next Wednesday

The V.F.W. Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting in the High School cafeteria on May 1, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Everyone please come.

## Bids On School Road To Be Presented At Special Meeting

Teachers contracts and the proposed school road were the Joint Our Lady of Sorrows' Farmington Township school property between 10 Mile and Shawansee Avenue, were discussed at the special meeting of the Farmington Township School Board, Tuesday evening.

Mr. O. B. Duncel, who will become superintendent of schools in July, at the request of the Board has been working with Superintendent B. V. Ayres on the 1946-47 teachers' contracts. Duncel stated Tuesday night that he had not had sufficient time as yet to work out all the contracts. However he said that he would have a report by Friday.

In an informal statement, Duncel thanked the Board for their confidence in considering him for the vacancy of superintendent and stated that he would do his utmost to build a sound program of credit to the community. Duncel served as superintendent of the Farmington schools from 1939 until 1945, when he accepted a commission in the Navy.

Considerable time was spent in a discussion of the proposed school road on the property owned jointly by the Catholic Church and the Farmington Township School District, according to the Board. Plans call for a 100 foot private road from 10 Mile Road and Shawansee Avenue along the two property lines. Cost of the road will be shared half by the Catholic Church, half by the Farmington School District. The Board instructed its Road and Security Committee to secure bids on both a 20 foot and 30 foot gravel strip to be constructed on the road bed.

Jess Elmy moved that a special meeting be held on Thursday, April 26 at the Superintendent's office for the purpose of taking action on teachers' contracts and the proposed school road.

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