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**NEWS ITEMS**  
*About*  
**FARMINGTON FOLKS**

Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell and daughter, Mrs. Roger Hartman of Bay City, called on their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don McIntyre on Farmington Road last Thursday.

Mrs. Evangeline Pettibone of Macomb was a Detroit caller Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Dohany of Base Line Road is convalescing from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gildemeister accompanied their daughter, Sally, to Ypsilanti Sunday. Sally will attend college there and will make her home in the Julia King Dormitory.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagnall of Warner Avenue spent the week end with the Kurt Bradder family in Jackson.

The Farmington Saddle Club members met at the Ray Eichler home Monday evening.

Mrs. Ellis of Millford is visiting Mrs. Elmer Dohany on Base Line Road.

Dr. H. H. Giles, director of the Bureau of Intracultural Education and Professor of Education at New York University, Dr. Paul Rankin, assistant Superintendent of Schools in Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. James Pitman, writer and consultant for the Bureau of Intracultural Education, were callers at the home of Guy A. Durgan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nacker were Detroit callers Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cronin of Greenville Boulevard were Roseville callers on Monday evening.

Robert E. Snyder has joined the staff of George Devey of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

Harvey King of Spring Lake, brother of Clara Bickling, died last Wednesday morning. Mr. Bickling will be remembered as soloist on the Baptist Church Hour, a radio feature for many years.

Dr. and Mrs. Merle Artz of Mayville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halbritter on Eight Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen with his wife, Mrs. George Newcomb, friends, Rooney and Mary Jane Monette, Herbie Larantz and Michael Suttelworth, helped their little grandson, Lahay Mikeseel, celebrate his birthday at the home of Mrs. Suttelworth near Orchard Lake.

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**COUNTY SHOWS INCREASE IN USE OF BLOOD PLASMA**

Demand for blood plasma is increasing rapidly, the Michigan Department of Health reveals, as its blood plasma program marks its third anniversary on September 27. Michigan's use of plasma jumped 68 per cent during the first six months of this year, compared to the preceding six month period.

Hospitals in Oakland County used 582 units of plasma from January through June this year compared to 315 units used in the previous six months.

The greatest increase was in the smaller counties, the health department reports. In counties having fewer than 100 hospital beds plasma use rose 81 per cent during this period. Counties having between 100 and 200 hospital beds increased their use of plasma 81 per cent while counties with more than 200 hospital beds showed an increase of 49 per cent.

Plasma distributed from the Michigan Department of Health Laboratories in the first six months of this year totaled 2,654 units. In the preceding six months the total distribution was 5,730 units.

Hospitals report that 3,422 patients were treated with plasma in the first six months of 1940 against 2,758 treated in the previous six months.

Part of this rise in plasma use is due to the increased number of

conditions for which plasma is being found beneficial. Part of it is due to the return of Michigan physicians to civilian practice. Since many of these physicians had used plasma extensively in the armed services and observed the near-miracles which it accomplished, it is natural that they should want to continue using plasma with their civilian patients.

The chief uses for plasma in Michigan have been to hasten the recovery of persons who have had operations, to treat injuries, to combine with chills, with burns, and undernourished infants.

Michigan's blood plasma program is made possible by volunteer blood donors. Local chapters of the American National Red Cross recruit donors and cooperate with the Michigan Department of Health in holding blood donor clinics. The blood is processed in the Michigan Department of Health Laboratories and credited to the county where it was obtained. This plasma is never sold; it is available to anyone who, in the judgment of his physician, needs it.

One way to save tomatoes from frost is to pull up the whole vine with the tomatoes still attached, and hang it in a dry, moderately light place, such as the garage, suggests the department of agriculture. The mature green fruits will gradually redden on the vine, and tomatoes will keep fairly well this way for weeks.

Mrs. Millie Ferrine of Detroit called on Mrs. Otis Jensen, who has been ill for several days.

Mrs. Shirley Moore of Miller Road is visiting relatives in Jameson, New Jersey.

Mrs. Emily Markham was a Detroit caller Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Lamb of Maple Avenue will enter Pontiac General Hospital for surgery the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nacker of Farmington Road attended the wedding of Grace Newcomb and Frank Scherer at the Methodist Church in Redford on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stipeak and family of Karl Avenue visited the latter's sister in Stockbridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Soper and family are building a new home on the corner of Cass and Karl Avenue. Kenneth's parents were residents of Farmington Acres some years ago.

Mrs. Herbert Tucker of Jameson, New Jersey, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McConchie on Grand River.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and son, Don, were Bay City visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Don McIntyre, who has been visiting her parents for a few days, returned with them.

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their bazaar at the Grimes Cleaners office this Saturday, September 27. There will be a bake sale, also.

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**CLARENCEVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS RALLY DAY**

The Clarenceville Methodist Sunday School will observe Rally Day on Sunday, September 29, at ten o'clock in the morning with a goal set for attendance of 850. The school is having Waldo Hostetler, noted lecturer and illustrator, to speak during the Sunday School hour on "Biblical Truths."

At 8:30 p.m. the Youth Fellowship is having a "Family Night" when each boy and girl brings his family, and some take active part in the service.

At 7:30 p.m. the evening service will be held, and the membership is dedicating the 100 \$5.00 bills they have been raising for the Hammond Organ fund. The organ has been ordered, and it is hoped that it will soon be installed.

**The Bitter End**  
 To "the bitter end" has a nautical origin, reports Ships magazine. A ship's anchor chain, at the point where it is fastened to a vertical timber called the bit, was known as the bitter end. Thus, when the chain has been payed out to "the bitter end" there is nothing more that can be done.

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