

## Around The Block

### OLD MAN WINTER . . .

has decided it was time for a nap, for the past week's weather has not corresponded with a Michigan winter at all. In fact, it could have been a few birds chirping, we might have convinced ourselves that it was spring, on a few occasions. Almost all of the snow in the melted, and recent snowfalls have been sufficient only to make the roads a little slippery — just enough to make it unpleasant for drivers and not enough to contribute to the pleasure of the younger generation.

### THE NEWSWRIGHT SHORTAGE . . .

is anything but a myth — just ask any publisher or newspaper man you might know. "Wayne county newspapers have been pinched perhaps more than any other group of papers. For example, the Dearborn Independent, an A. B. C. weekly newspaper, was down to the last few pounds of paper this week, and on Monday was uncertain whether it could publish a regular edition for its subscribers. Rather than suspend outright, the management planned to get out a handbill size sheet for filling with the postoffice. And then we have such long established papers as the Charlotte Republican Tribune following the policy of accepting no news articles, but endeavoring to maintain the status quo. The situation is serious, and it is no matter to be treated lightly. If you find you can't buy a copy of The Enterprise on the stands you will know the answer — every sheet of newspaper counts, and while we will do our utmost to supply our regular subscribers, we can give no assurance of providing newsstand copies.

### THE MARCH OF DIMES . . .

campaign is now on, and will continue throughout the month of January. Your dimes and dollars will "fight infantile paralysis." Our community was not meted out the more reason to contribute to this most worthwhile campaign. It is through your contributions that it is possible to carry on the fight against polio. You'll find canisters about town — drop your change into them, and whatever else you may be able to give.

### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY . . .

may sound like a date still far in the future — and indeed February 14 is yet quite a ways away, but it sneaks up before you know it. Postal employees are telling us that if you have Valentines to be sent out, you had better get them in the mail now, to insure their delivery. It is easy to overlook the necessity of mailing so far ahead of a certain date, but to avoid disappointment better plan about a month for overseas delivery, and then you won't miss those dates and anniversaries, when it is so nice to be remembered — particularly when you are so far away from home.

### FARMINGTON WOMEN . . .

are going to be busy bodies the next few weeks, with so many parties and entertainments in the offing. There is the "Meet The Misses" party sponsored by the Band Boosters, to be held this Tuesday; there is the V. F. W. Auxiliary card party on Wednesday, January 22; the American Legion card party on Thursday 24; and there are the Young Women's of various clubs and organizations in town. In addition your calendar of events will include the Male Chorus Concert on January 26, and for the men, the Father and Son Banquet at The Church on the Park on February 3, the High School Band Recital on February 10, and of course the basketball games — to mention just a few. There will be Valentine parties for the youngsters to be considered, too, and the pre-Lenten parties, for Lent starts early this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on February 19. "There will not be many idle moments in the next few weeks — who said anything about the 'post-holiday lull'?"

### JUST A REMINDER . . .

that you can get the license for the family pooch now. Dog licenses may be purchased by Township residents from Treasurer Clayton Goers who is at the Township office in Farmington Town Hall, while City residents may get them from Mrs. A. J. Hanson, treasurer, at the City Hall. Taxes are now payable, too, and may be paid until March 1 without penalty.

### THE BOY SCOUTS . . .

of Troop 45 have been busy fixing up the cabin in the City Park. They have replaced the broken window panes, and are generally repairing anything that needs to be done. It will be much more attractive to passers-by to have the cabin all cleaned up, and the Scouts are hoping to be able to use it for various Scout functions before long.

### REMEMBER . . .

to take it easy when you're driving these days. You may find the roads slippery in spots, and there is the danger of pedestrians, or youngsters at play, slipping or sliding when you least expect them to. Allow yourself a little additional time when traveling to keep an engagement, so there will be no necessity for stepping on the gas. Speed and winter driving are not a very companionable pair.

### CLARENCEVILLE TEACHERS TO PLAY BENEFIT GAME

A picked team of Clarenceville teachers will meet a team composed of members of the regular Clarenceville Trojan squad in a benefit basketball game Wednesday evening, January 22.

Proceeds of the game are to go to the Clarenceville Girl Scout troops. In addition to the student-faculty game a preliminary contest between two picked teams for the 75 and 90 lbs. weight classes will start at 7:45 p.m.

The line-up for the teachers will include: Mann and Craftscheck, guards; Chappel, center; Sturm and McCauley, forwards. Mr. J. B. Bunker will be time-keeper and scorer. Lloyd Samuels will be the referee. Coaches for both teams want that there will be plenty of surprises for those who attend.

### SAFETY FILM TO BE SHOWN AT P.T.A. MEETING

A most interesting and educational program is being presented in the Farmington Teachers Association on Tuesday, January 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the High School building. Moving picture films have been procured from the A.A.A. Club of Michigan and will be shown as part of the program. "Health and Safety in the Home" is the topic for the evening.

Two students in the local school system who are taking an active part in the school safety program will have a part in this meeting.

This subject is of vital interest to the parent in the community, and it is hoped there will be a large turnout so as evidence of support for the program. Refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

# The Farmington Enterprise

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SERVICE—OUR GOAL

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**MARCH  
OF  
DIMES**

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## Register Now For Voting In The Primaries

### Township Petitions Are Circulating

Registrations for the General Primary Election to be held Monday, February 17, are being received by both Township Clerk Harry McCracken and City Clerk Harry Moore.

Voters who have not previously registered are urged to do so as a resident of this community, they are entitled to a vote in the government of the community through their vote. As a good citizen, it is every person's right and duty to see that his name appears on the registration books, and that he keeps his registration active, by voting.

At the present time Township Clerk Harry Moore is sending out notices of suspension of registration to all of those registered voters who have not voted for the past two years, advising them that if they wish to keep their registration active, they must appear at the registration books, and that this be done now, or their name will be removed from the registration books.

New residents who have not previously been qualified to vote in either the City or the Township, depending on where their residence may be, may register any time up to and including Tuesday, January 25, the last day for registration.

Mr. Moore, the City Clerk, will be at his office in the City Municipal Building daily from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on the last registration day he will be at the office from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Township Clerk will be at his residence, 25720 Twelve Mile Road, every day, and the last day of registration he will be at the Township Offices in the Farmington Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition, Township residents may register with Mrs. Ellen Egan, at the Township offices, every day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The February 17 primary in the township will elect party candidates for the various Township offices to be elected at the regular spring election. Petitions are now being circulated, and must be filed with the Township Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, which is the deadline for filing petitions.

Since the City election is non-partisan there is no primary for the nomination of local office holders.

## Richard DeVriendt Recovering From Wound

Richard "Corky" DeVriendt is in Pontiac General Hospital recovering from accidental gunshot wounds which he suffered Monday afternoon.

DeVriendt and his companions had been mugged, trapping, and Corky had taken a rat from the trap. The rat was still alive, and in an attempt to kill it, Ronald Bell struck at it with the butt end of a gun. The gun went off, hitting Corky in the right leg and ankle. Fortunately he was wearing heavy boots.

He was rushed to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, and later taken to Pontiac General Hospital, where the leg was operated on. He will recover satisfactorily, providing no infection develops.

## Male Chorus To Give Winter Concert

Tickets are now on sale for the Winter Concert of the Farmington Male Chorus, to be presented on Sunday evening, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Farmington Town Hall.

The chorus, under the direction of Ivar Anderson and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Anderson, has prepared a varied and interesting group of numbers. In addition, guest soloists for this concert will be Eugene Randolph Tolfer, lyric soprano, of Orosco, Michigan. She will sing several familiar arias.

The guest artist distinguished herself by placing first in the State High School vocal contest at the age of 15. At the present time she is a soloist at the Orosco Methodist Church.

The concert runs an hour and a quarter in length, and will please both old and young lovers of music.

## Local March Of Dimes Drive Open

Farmington's 1947 March of Dimes Campaign got under way Wednesday with the announcement of the appointment of Richard H. Taylor as chairman for the Farmington area. The drive which officially opened January 15 will continue until January 30.

Taylor has served as chairman of the local March of Dimes drive for a number of years. Farmington has generously supported the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis in all of its campaigns.

Because of the heavy demand made on the National Foundation last year there is an urgent need for funds. Much of the reserve built up through these drives was used last year to fight infantile paralysis. This fund must be re-established if polio victims are to be properly cared for this year.

Taylor emphasized that 50 percent of the money collected goes to the fight against polio in the Farmington area, to be used for infantile paralysis victims in this area. It will also be used to combat a local epidemic if it should arise. A considerable amount of money has

already been used in the Farmington area on local polio patients," Taylor added.

Canisters are expected to arrive this week-end and will be placed in local stores and business places, Taylor said. He urged all Farmington residents to watch for the canisters and to generously support this 1947 campaign. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will distribute the canisters throughout the area.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, sponsor of the March of Dimes Campaign, is entirely supported by contributions from the American people. It plans and finances a nation-wide program of research into causes and prevention of infantile paralysis. It aids local chapters in epidemic emergencies and dispatches necessary equipment to stricken areas. It provides funds for training physicians and nurses in modern methods of treatment. It gives children and adults alike a fighting chance against this dreaded disease.

## Falcon Five Take Conference Lead

Farmington High School's basketball team successfully defended its undefeated record Friday, downing a scrappy Walpole Lake 37 to 26 on the Farmington floor.

Although the Falcons lead at the end of each period, Walpole Lake came from behind to tie the score early in the last period. However the Falcons fought off the threat to build up a comfortable lead at the close of the game. This was Farmington's sixth straight victory since the opening of the season.

Coach Bob Hutton started Bob Neff and Harold Lawton as guards; Junior Ford and Jack Johnson as forwards; and Ernie Tyler as center. The Falcons immediately jumped off taking the lead in the first period. They held a five point margin at the end of the quarter. In the second period the Falcons held Walpole Lake to three points while going on to a 6-0 lead. The half time score was Farmington 15, Walpole Lake 3.

Walpole Lake came back in the third quarter scoring 10 points to Farmington's five points. The visitors went all out in the final quarter coming from behind to tie the score shortly after the quarter began. However, Farmington warded off the threat to pile up 16 points to Walpole Lake's 9 points. The final score was Farmington 37 — Walpole Lake 26.

For the third straight game Ernie Tyler led the Falcons, scoring 17 field goals and two free throws for a total of 36 points. One led the visitors with 12 points also.

While the Falcons were beating Walpole Lake, Northville was downing Keego Harbor, giving Farmington undisputed possession of first place in the Inter-Lakes Conference race.

The Junior Falcons had little difficulty in defeating Walpole Lake to remain undefeated in their season's competition.

Lead by Fred McLean the Farmington five defeated Walpole Lake 37 to 26. Walpole Lake showed little competition until the final quarter when they scored 10 points to Farmington's 5 points. However they did not seriously threaten the Falcons at any time during the contest. McLean was high point man for the Falcons with 9 points.

On Friday, January 17, Farmington will travel to Milford in their last game of the Inter-Lakes Conference game of the season.

## TO BE MARRIED



ETHEL MAE SHUFFETT

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shuffett of Farmington will announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Mae, to Mr. F. Lloyd Johns, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johns of Highland Park, Michigan.

Miss Shuffett is a graduate of Farmington High School and the Michigan College of Mortuary Science. During World War II she served as a Pharmacist Mate First Class with the Navy.

The wedding will be an event of early fall.

Under the new system all accident victims will be immediately moved to the nearest hospital and deputy coroners instructed to meet the ambulance there, Dr. Moore stated. By following this practice highways will be cleared more quickly, and all victims, even though apparently dead, will be taken to a hospital immediately.

This will greatly aid the efficiency in handling deaths in the county, Dr. Moore concluded.

Oakland is the first county in the state to eliminate the office of the coroner, Dr. Moore stated, as coroner will receive \$7 for every coroner call with transportation.

Schramm's Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schramm of Grand River Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Mr. William Holmes, son of Mrs. Eva Holmes of St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Holmes is attending Michigan State College at East Lansing. No date has been set for the wedding.

TO OUR READERS

The Enterprise, along with many of the other newspapers throughout the State, is faced with a serious problem. The newsprint situation is far more acute today than at any time during the war.

We will be forced to operate on less newsprint this year than last, which was far below the demand. We have already reduced our counter sales copies 10%.

We sincerely hope that you will have to reduce them further. This situation plus good business practice has necessitated a strict paid-in-advance circulation policy.

You understand our problem and our desire to give Farmington the kind of community newspaper it wants and deserves.

Paper Pick Up  
Planned For Saturday

The boys of Scout Troop 35 will have a paper drive on Saturday, January 18. Residents who wish to have paper called for are asked to please have it out where the boys may easily see it and pick it up for they will be along with their truck.

DARLENE TELFER

## Fire Destroys Trailer Company

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Detroit Trailer and Auto Company, 1940 Deering Avenue, early Wednesday morning.

The company, owned by Mr. Floyd Golden, was in the process of constructing bunks and box trailers. The loss was estimated at \$25,000. It was partially insured.

The fire was first discovered about 4 a.m. Wednesday morning, by one of the children living in the nearby house. Redford Township's Fire Department answered the call immediately and kept the flames from spreading to nearby homes. Livonia Township and Rosedale Fire Departments also answered the call.

One end of the building was completely engulfed in flames by the time the fire was under control. One trailer, nearly completed, was destroyed as well as a considerable stock of plywood and other trailer construction material.

An overheated oil stove was responsible for a fire which caused considerable damage to the interior of the Tank Grill on Grand River Avenue near 9 Mile Road, Saturday afternoon.

The fire was reported at 4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The Farmington Township Fire Department answered the call and quickly extinguished the blaze. An estimate as to the extent of damage was given.

Ole Grill, owner of the Tank Grill, opened the new business only a few months ago. He announced that in spite of the fire the Grill will remain open.

Aschenbrenner  
Deputized Coroner

Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner has been deputized as a special coroner for this district of Oakland County, it was announced by Dr. John D. Monroe, Oakland County Commissioner.

Twenty physicians in the county have been deputized to act as coroners under a new plan inaugurated for the first time this year in Oakland County. The elective office of coroner was discontinued at the end of 1945 following a vote of the Board of Supervisors to abolish it. Under the new plan a group of private physicians will carry out the duties of coroner in their respective areas.

In cases of violent death, calls for coroners will be relayed to the doctors through the sheriff's office or the police department in the area of the death.

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## Board Discusses Shortage Of Elementary Classroom Space

### Township Board Holds Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Farmington Township Board was held Monday evening in the Township offices, for the purpose of approving the transfer of the school census. The board approved the transfer of the license of Edward Christensen, 27406 Eight Mile Road, to Geoffrey Gagnon, who has purchased the establishment.

Mr. Gagnon stated that he expects to be open for business just as soon as the state grants the transfer.

### Two Accidents Occur On Cut-Off

Three men, involved in a collision at Farmington Road and Farmington Cut-Off last Thursday noon miraculously escaped with only minor injuries.

The accident happened when a 1941 Ford Tudor, driven by Alexander D. Cuthbertson, 19608 Imperial Highway, Detroit 19, publisher of the Garden City Review, travelling north on Farmington Road, crashed head-on into a Ford panel truck, driven by Marvin Wint, 15700 Hubbell, Detroit, proceeding east on the Cut-Off.

Cuthbertson's car was driven at an admitted speed of 45 miles an hour, while the truck was travelling an admitted speed of 50 miles per hour. The truck, which was a bakery delivery truck, skidded 50 feet, before coming to a stop, and four baked goods. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

Worth, Baker, 2300 Norton Road, Howell, a passenger in the Cuthbertson car, suffered lacerations about which he was being treated. He was taken to Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital.

In another Grand River Cut-Off accident, the Cuthbert-High-Speed towing truck was badly damaged in a collision with a passenger car.

The accident occurred at Howers Road and the Cut-Off. One man was seriously injured in the accident although both the car and truck were badly damaged.

### FARM BUREAU LAUNCHES DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

The annual membership roll call of the Oakland County Farm Bureau will be launched on January 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Oakland County. The county has been divided into four districts, and a chairman has been named for each district, in order to more efficiently conduct the drive.

Representatives located in District No. 4, with Howard McCracken serving as chairman. Other members of the committee include Harold Shepard, Novy; Ray Rowland, Farmington; Arnold Miller, Southfield; Ernest Deconck, West Bloomfield and John Miller, Bloomfield. Chairman of District No. 1 is Howard Wilson of Lake Orion, while in District No. 2, Harold Mitchell of Grand Blanc is chairman and in District No. 3 Frank Winterhalter of Milford is the chairman.

In contacting farmers for membership in the County organization, the county chairman pointed out that a good farm organization enables farmers to work together effectively for fair prices and for tax and other laws that will aid agriculture.

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More than 35,000 farmers in Michigan are members of the Farm Bureau at the present time.

### FARMINGTON BAND WILL PRESENT RECI TAL CONCERT

The Farmington High School Band will present a one hour recital concert on Saturday evening, February 1, at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This concert will bring to the attention of parents and friends as many as possible of the 550 members of the band in the school band department, demonstrating the work that is being done, and featuring several students in solo parts.

A special feature of the program are the majorettes who will give a twirling exhibition. These girls are Audrey Viter, Shirley Shaw, Evelyn and Elsie Nichols, Lorena Jackson, Robert Hubert and Beverly Taylor.

There will be a short period of dancing following the concert, and lunch will be served by the Band Mothers.

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### Seven Additional Rooms Needed By Sept. In District

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel informed the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District at its regular meeting Monday evening, that unless additional classrooms are built in the area of the District by September we will have to go on half day sessions. The statement was made during a discussion of the future building and planning problems of the school district. Dunkel stated that two additional classrooms will be necessary in Noble School area and three in the Farmington Elementary school, by the opening of school next fall. "Present classroom loads are much too heavy for proper education of the students and work a serious handicap on the teachers," Dunkel said. Dunkel added that preliminary studies indicate that this student load will increase sharply in the Noble and Farmington schools.

Paul Schreiber presented a resolution for the Board's consideration and adoption outlining a school planning program for the future. The resolution called for a survey and study to be made by the Superintendent for the purpose of determining population trends and the nature of its people; the best educational program and curriculum for the District; a long range building program, as to location, types of buildings, financing and maintenance; policies and plans for elementary and secondary school organization; and the elementary education will be centralized or decentralized. Schreiber stated that the tax payers had a right to know what their money was being spent for, and that the organized plan was the best answer. Frank Labadie read a portion of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board, a discussion of the Board on this subject and stated that he felt this problem had already been clarified. Schreiber stated that it was not in a consideration of the problem of centralization and decentralization of the elementary grades had been discussed on numerous occasions and the Board had never given any indication of decentralization. Dunkel recommended to the Board that future building expansion be made with the thought of permanency. "We should put permanent money into the school system rather than temporary buildings," Dunkel stated.

Schreiber's resolution lost for want of a second.

Mr. Clarence Bell, school engineer, appeared before the Board to discuss the condition of the present school building in the Farmington high school building and elementary building. He stated that the heating units were in very bad condition and would have to be replaced before the beginning of school in September. The Board instructed Dunkel to contact the heating company and to notify them as soon as a representative was available so that a special meeting could be called.