

## Around The Block

**DO YOU KNOW . . .**  
what happened a hundred and ten years ago Sunday, January 23? Unless you are a better student of Michigan history than most of us, you won't — but actually Sunday marks the 110th Anniversary of the date that Michigan was admitted to the Union. As Michiganers, all of us ought to remember the date — just because we are particularly fond of the state in which we live. There's none better, everything taken into consideration.

**DEFEAT . . .**  
may have come to the Farmington Falcons last Friday, but you may be sure that they will be back in there, fighting every minute of the game this Friday when they meet Keego Harbor. Anything can happen in high school sports, and the Farmington lads are not to be discouraged in any contest.

**THERE'S NOTHING . . .**  
in this world that can compare to the friendliness and cooperation that comes with trouble. Everyone was exceptionally nice to those who were so unfortunate in Tuesday evening's disastrous fire — and the firemen are not to be forgotten either. They did a perfectly wonderful job of fighting and controlling the blaze, completely discharging their zero temperature. Also to be commended are the ladies who thoughtfully provided coffee for the firemen during the cold, bitter hours of the night. Somehow there is nothing that will quite revive the spirits and provide the courage to fight on, as a steaming cup of hot coffee.

**YOU MAY NOT BE A FARMER . . .**  
but the Rural Progress Caravan, showing Wednesday, January 23, at the Pontiac Express, will hold a great deal of interest for you, farmer, business man or housewife. The exposition is open to the public, and you will find many timely tips and valuable information awaits you upon your visit there.

**REGULAR MEETINGS . . .**  
of various organizations and clubs of the City and Township, which usually are held at the Farmington Post Office, will undoubtedly be meeting elsewhere, for the Town Hall has been taken over as a temporary headquarters for the Farmington Post Office.

**THE MARCH OF DIMES . . .**  
is being carried on locally, but due to the fact that there has been some difficulty in securing the canisters, they have not yet appeared about town. They will soon be out, though, so watch for them. If you desire to send a contribution directly you may do so, by mailing your donation to Richard H. Taylor, chairman, Farmington March of Dimes Campaign. Your dime and dollar will help some infantile paralysis victim to smile again.

**AND WE REPEAT . . .**  
that there is just nothing that is as inconsistent or unpredictable as Michigan weather. The past week is a perfect example of what we mean, for we had some weather more than remotely suggestive of spring — and with an almost magical turn, zero temperatures were again with us. At least one never has a chance to get bored with the weather — it is a big order just to keep up with it.

**NEXT TUESDAY . . .**  
January 25 is a date all conscientious citizens will keep in mind, for it is the deadline for registration. If you are not already a registered voter in the City or Township of Farmington, you'll find the City and Township Clerk will be on hand also from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at his offices in the Town Hall. This is your last opportunity to register to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election on February 17 — don't lose your vote just because you failed to register. It is not a duty — it is a privilege, so don't abuse it.

**GET YOUR TICKETS . . .**  
for the Charter Night Banquet of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce! The affair is to be held Monday evening, February 10, at the Methodist Church, beginning with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation of the charter to the Farmington Club. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this affair, the initial activity of Farmington's newest organization — and one which is sure to prove a blessing to the community. You may secure your tickets from any member of the group.

**YOU WILL NOTICE . . .**  
a few changes in The Enterprise this week. We are making every effort to conserve space, due to the critical newspaper shortage. We hope that you will bear with us, at this time, as conservation measures are absolutely necessary. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Bank Officials Are Elected

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmington Bank was held last Tuesday afternoon in the director's room at the Bank.

Following the election the directors named the following officers: Howard M. Warner, Chairman of the Board; H. C. Knickerbocker, president; Emory O. Hutton, vice president; Byron E. Lapham, cashier; H. W. Avery, assistant cashier; Arvale Tipton, assistant cashier; Dorothy M. Smith, assistant cashier; and James W. Marshall, assistant cashier.

The annual report of condition for the year ending December 31, 1945, shows the bank to be in excellent standing. During the past year the surplus has been increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

## RURAL PROGRESS CARAVAN WILL EXHIBIT FRIDAY

The Rural Progress Caravan from Michigan State College Extension Service will be on exhibition at Norton Wayne County Garage, on Inkster Road, a half mile north of Plymouth Road, on Friday, January 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This particular visit of the Caravan will be known as Wayne County Farmers Day.

Those who have seen this show highly recommend it, and say those who visit the exposition will be well repaid for the time spent. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Daughters Of Isabella To Have Luncheon

The Daughters of Isabella will sponsor a luncheon and card party Wednesday, January 23, at the Eight Mile on Inkster Road; Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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## Fire Sweeps Business Block In Heart Of City



The above scene was taken at the rear of the Warner building at the height of the blaze Tuesday night. Firemen can be seen entering the rear of the post office building and others are fighting the blaze in the apartment building, just at the right of the post office. Near zero temperatures made fighting the fire extremely hazardous.

## Five Apartments Completely Destroyed In Tuesday's Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin swept through the Warner block early Tuesday night in zero weather, causing an estimated \$125,000 worth of damage in one of the worst fires in Farmington's history. For a time it threatened the entire center of the city.

Five apartments, the Twin's Beauty Parlor, Irene's Apparel Shoppe and the Farmington Post Office were all completely destroyed in the blaze. Dickerson's Hardware, Oak Pharmacy and eight apartments over the two stores were badly damaged by water and smoke. The fire was first discovered by Roy Rudeberg at about 8:10 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Both the Farmington City and Township Fire Departments responded to the call immediately. However, the fire, which apparently started in the basement of the building, had already swept through the two-story Warner apartment building. Rudeberg, after calling the fire department, entered the apartment and summoned everyone out of the building.

As the fire swept out of control all fire departments in the surrounding area were called in. Redford, Farmington, Northville and a unit of the Redford Fire Department answered the call. State Police from the Redford Post Office and the call assisted the firemen.

About 11:30 p.m. the fire leaped to the adjoining roof of the Dickerson Hardware building and it appeared that it would sweep the entire block which is in the heart of the city. However, firemen were able to keep the flames partially in check and saved the building. The fire was destroyed. Warner's Apartment building and Dickerson's Hardware on the east kept the flames from engulfing the hardware store. However, the Post Office building on the west side of the apartment was destroyed in the blaze.

## Falcons' Drop Undeclared Title

The Farmington Falcons suffered their first defeat of the 1946-1947 basketball season Friday night, January 17, when they lost to Milford 33 to 29 in an inter-Lakes Conference game. This is the Falcons' only defeat in seven games. Coach Bob Hutton started Bob Neff and Harold Lawton at Guards; Jack Hiltner and John Greig at Forwards and Ernie Tyler at Center.

Farmington got the jump-off and immediately took the lead. They were able to build up a comfortable margin in the first quarter although neither team was able to make their shots count with any regularity. The score at the end of the first quarter was Farmington 6, Milford 4.

Milford came back strong in the second quarter and scored 12 points to the Falcons' 9 tallies. However, Farmington was able to hold a one point edge at half time.

Early in the second half, Milford surged ahead, with Farmington having considerable difficulty keeping their baskets count. Milford piled up a 4 point margin at the end of the third quarter. Farmington was able to score only 5 points in this period while Milford scored 10 points. The third period score was Milford 28-Farmington 22.

Farmington fought back in the final period to narrow down Milford's margin to 3 points. The Falcons were unable to go ahead in the final minutes of the game although they scored more points in the fourth period than Milford. The game ended with Milford on top 33 to 29.

High point honors for the Falcons were shared by Bob Neff and Harold Lawton with 7 points each. Watkins topped the Milford five with 10 points.

The Junior Falcons had little trouble in defeating Milford's Junior varsity team 35 to 25.

The Falcons will play Keego Harbor this Friday, January 24, in a game for the Wayne County and their Inter-Lakes Conference game. The game will be played at Keego Harbor and will start at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brannack and daughter Barbara of Pontiac spent the week-end with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele.

## Veterans Placed On Election Board

In attendance at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Farmington Township Board were Supervisor Ernest Blanchard, Clerk Harry McCracken, Treasurer Clayton Goers, Justice Harry Shafer and Justice Ward Eagle, constituting the full membership of the Board.

A delegation from the Farmington Township Veterans' Committee was present, and requested that a veteran be placed on the election board in each of the precincts. Accordingly Delbert Moeck was named to the board in Precinct One, and Clinton Spies in Precinct Two.

Complete membership of the election board in each of the precincts is as follows: Precinct One, Ward Eagle, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Leola Moeck, Mrs. Eleanor McCracken, Mrs. Jennie Lapham, and Mr. Meyers; Precinct Two, Virgil Campbell, Mrs. Frances Breding, Mrs. Louise Brown, Fred Westberg, Mrs. Winifred Christman, and Mr. Spies. These election boards will serve for the February 17 Primary Election.

A request was also made for a challenger for Precinct Two. This request will be complied with, providing a petition is made to this effect by the organization desiring it, at least ten days prior to the election.

Mrs. Kennedy of the Clarenceville Mothers' Club was also present at the meeting and asked that the Board do whatever possible to place lights both at the Edgewood School and at the Eight Mile Road School of the Clarenceville School District.

## Reserve Officers To Form Group

A special organization meeting for the purpose of forming a Farmington Reserve Officers Association will be held in the Farmington City Municipal Building on Thursday, January 30, it was announced by Henry Nelson this week.

Coy Eklund, president of the Michigan Department of the Reserve Officers Association, has extended an invitation to Reserve Officers in this area to form a chapter. Nelson stated that his is working with Eklund on the local organization.

The Reserve Officers Association was established following World War I, and has as its primary object to support and assist in the development and extension of a military policy for the United States which shall provide adequate national security.

Any person holding a reserve commission in any of the armed forces of the United States, shall be eligible for active membership. Anyone who at some time was a commissioned officer, warrant officer or flight officer, and was separated from the service under honorable circumstances is eligible for associate membership.

The purpose of the January 30 meeting will be to solicit new members, to elect temporary officers, and to discuss questions anyone may have concerning the Association.

Those who are interested but will be unable to attend due to prior commitments, and those desiring more information, call Henry Nelson, Farmington 0588-35.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Haskins and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sims in Detroit, Sunday.

## AMERICAN LEGION BASKETBALL TEAM WINS AGAIN

The American Legion's Basketball team added another victory to its list of "wins" last Thursday at the Farmington High School gymnasium, by defeating John McCarty's Club 'A' team from Detroit 42 to 28.

The scoring in the game was as follows:

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| Farmington   | 42 |
| Campbell     | 12 |
| Mitchell     | 9  |
| Ojdenburg    | 6  |
| DeVriendt    | 5  |
| Catherman    | 4  |
| Pauline      | 4  |
| Abrahamson   | 2  |
| John McCarty | 28 |
| McCarty      | 6  |
| Chapman      | 5  |
| Evans, Q.    | 4  |
| Stevens      | 4  |
| Evans, H.    | 4  |
| Krueger      | 3  |
| Stevens, J.  | 2  |

This week Farmington's Legion team travels to Detroit to play St. Andrews at the Cooley High School Gym.

The Farmington boys' play a double header here Thursday, January 20. They would like to see some of the home fans out, and get a little support.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wikstrom, Mr. Mark Wikstrom, Mr. Ralph Wikstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wikstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith attended the celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hixon on their golden wedding anniversary at Grand Lodge on Sunday.

## Caravan To Visit Pontiac Jan. 29

Michigan State College's Rural Progress Caravan will be in Oakland County next Wednesday, January 23, Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, reminded rural and urban people that the exhibits from the extension service at the state college would be open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be open to the public at the Armory in Pontiac.

"Although the 1947 Caravan is stressing the home, we know every person who sees it will carry away some outstanding ideas that will help make the farm a better place to live," said the county agent in inviting rural and urban people alike to attend.

J. G. Hays, caravan manager, points out that because the 1947 Caravan does stress the "home" angle of farming, the school of home economics and the agricultural engineering department produced much of the show.

Several extension specialists from the college will be on hand to talk over "life around the farmstead." R. J. Baldwin, who has been director of the Michigan State college extension service for more than 30 years, says of the caravan: "One of the state-wide enterprises of the extension service is the Rural Progress Caravan. This brings to the counties the latest information on timely and important topics. It comes at a time of year when you are planning for the future and have time to come and take part in the movement toward 'better farming, better business and better living.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hixon on their golden wedding anniversary at Grand Lodge on Sunday.

## Tickets On Sale For J.C.C. Banquet

All is in readiness for the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Charter Night Banquet, which will be held Monday evening, February 10, at the Methodist Church.

An outstanding program has been arranged in addition to group singing and a special musical program. A number of state officers of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce will attend. They will present the Farmington chapter with its charter and scroll. Delegation from the Wayne Chapter, which is sponsoring the Farmington group, will also attend.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized about a month and a half ago and just recently affiliated with the Michigan and United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the group is civic betterment and training for future leaders.

Tickets are now on sale for the Charter Night Banquet and they may be secured from any Farmington Jaycee or The Farmington Enterprise Office. The banquet will start at 8:30 p.m.

The Farmington W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday, January 28, at 2 p.m. at the home of the president, Mrs. William McCullough, 30710 Elm Street.

## City's Oldest Resident To Mark 99th Birthday

On Sunday, January 16, Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain will celebrate her 99th birthday anniversary. She is establishing herself as the oldest living resident of Farmington City or Township.

"Grandma Chamberlain," as she is familiarly known to most Farmington residents regardless of their age, was born on a farm in Farmington Township and she has spent her entire life in this community. Up until a short time ago she was very active and one might see her at almost any hour of the day, working about the yard, or her house, or happily about her house hold duties.

For the past 62 years Mrs. Chamberlain has lived in her present home at 3204 Grand River Avenue, at the corner of Maple. Her daughter, Mrs. Nina Whipple and granddaughter, Miss Helen Whipple, also make their home with her.

The accompanying picture was taken a year ago at Mrs. Chamberlain's home, and it shows the five living generations of the family. Mrs. Chamberlain is seated at the left and others are the family picture to the right, are Mrs. E. D. Vining, her granddaughter of Grosse Pointe; Mrs. Stella Harger,

her daughter, also of Grosse Pointe, and Mrs. Betty Elliott, her great grand daughter, of Pleasant Ridge, holding her son, Arthur Elliott III.

There is no particular reason for Mrs. Chamberlain's birthday anniversary being planned, but because she has not been feeling too well the past few weeks, and

because the family has never made any particular event out of a birthday. It does seem, though, that a 99th birthday is something more than a little out of the ordinary, and certainly an event in anyone's life.

Many happy returns of the day to you, Mrs. Chamberlain.



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