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To The Taxpayers Of Farmington Township:

In answer to a publication appearing in the Farmington Enterprise of January 16 and 23rd under the title of Township Veterans Committee.

1. The Township fire department is centrally located within one mile of the center of the Township. It is in charge of Leo Hendryx who is the fire chief, with a volunteer force of men who are very loyal and efficient.

Due to the growth in population and the increase in building in the Township, the township board now has under consideration the purchase of a new fire truck and equipment, which will be paid for from moneys received from the intangible tax. This would entail no expense on the part of the taxpayers other than maintainance and operation.

2. I have always been in favor of having a township office open. Due to the war and the scarcity of efficient help, this has not been done. I am recommending to the Township board that we have a suitable person in the office who is capable of doing the work involved, thereby rendering a more efficient service to the public.

3. All water bills are now being disbursed from the Township office, and all records pertaining to the system are kept in the office. As to payment of water bills, the public have had good service by paying at the Farmington State Bank.

4. Regarding the water pressure, in Section 36 during the summer months, the Township Board has had several meetings with Southfield, Redford and Livonia Township Boards, who are having the same difficulties. A representative of all four boards met with Mr. Garrity, Superintendent of the Detroit City Water Board, endeavoring to work out a plan whereby a larger main could be laid out Grand River Ave. The greater portion of this main would come across Redford Township. Redford Township having sufficient mains and pressure did not care to enter the project, leaving the cost too high for Farmington, Southfield and Livonia Townships. The matter was brought to a close temporarily.

5. The zoning board, appointed by Judge of Probate, now have a zoning ordinance completed which contains a building code. This will be ready for a public hearing during the month of March, and ready for the people of the Township to vote on in the Township election in April.

6. As to the annual Township Meeting, this date and hour is set by State law.

7. Who constitutes the veterans committee? Not being endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, nor the American Legion, it would appear that they are a hand picked committee who wish to satisfy their own selfish interests. To my mind it is disgraceful to these two fine organizations which it has been a pleasure to associate with.

I have made a personal effort to contact all veterans who are eligible for tax exemptions and who come under the Homestead Act. There are ninety-eight of these on the 1946 tax roll. We also show veterans who have filed for a refund of taxes which were paid on their homesteads while they were in the service. We have about thirty applications for cancellations which were filed too late for the exemption.

I would like to say a word about the financial condition of the Township:

All indebtedness of the Township has been paid in full.

We now have $35,000 in the general fund.

The Hazel, Tulane, Clarenceville and Oakland Orchard Drains are all paid in full.

As to roads: I was instrumental, as supervisor, in getting Mr. Allen, of the firm Race, Haas, Allen & Brewer, who is trustee for the subdivisions involved, and the Oakland County Road Commission together at a joint meeting whereby Mr. Allen agreed to pay $4,000.00 and the county road commission assumed the balance of the cost. This was a fine public improvement for Orchard Lake and Randall Streets, with no cost to the property owners or to the Township.

I have now under consideartion with the Oakland County Road Commission a project for placing street signs on all main roads in the Township, and as soon as funds are available, for all streets in the subdivisions. This the County Road Commission intend to start the coming summer.

The Township is rapidly growing as a residential and commercial community, and since April 1, 1946, has had new plats filed that exceed any other township in the county in number.

We are now having plats revised and made up in larger size, 18 by 24 inches, which will be available at the Township office for the information of the general public.

The State Tax Commission gave Oakland County a raise of fifty million Dollars in 1946. Farmington Township's portion as equalized by the county equalization committee ran one of the lowest in the county, thus keeping the percentages of county taxes low.

Thanking the voters for the fine support that I have had in the past, and if you deem me worthy, I solicit your support at the Primaries on February 17, 1947.

ERNEST V. BLANCHARD
FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Paid Political Adv.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH INSTITUTES MOVIE NIGHTS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road, will begin a series of movie nights this week Friday, at 8:00 p.m. The movie committee of the church, under the direction of Mr. W. T. Graf, principal of St. Paul's School, has arranged for the showing of some fine religious and educational pictures, of interest to young and old. The sound motion picture projector, recently purchased by the church will be used.

The program Friday evening will feature a filming of "The Life of St. Paul". A number of shorts, including "Dick Whittington's Cat" will also be shown. No charge will be made, but a free will offering, to cover expenses, will be received. The pictures will be shown in the day school building.

This week's program will be followed on February 21 by the second portion of St. Paul's life. The community has a cordial invitation to attend these showings.

West Farmington

By Mrs. Sarah Knapp

Mr. and Mrs. George Heilker and Mrs. Eugene Cleveland and son Jeffrey Allen spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heilker.

Mrs Joy Warren, who has been very ill, spent Sunday at the home of her father, Jay Button, on Haggerty Highway. Her father is spending the winter in California.

Evelyn Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, who was born en route to a Detroit hospital Saturday, returned Thursday, with her mother, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp on 13 Mile Road, where mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Edgar Howard returned home from Sessions Hospital with her baby daughter last week. Her daughter, Mrs. L. Clair Button, is helping care for her.

The Farm Bureau meeting which was to be held at the home of H. N. McCracken has been postponed, to be held at their place at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heilker have returned home from a trip to Florida.

Mrs. Richard Heilker spent Friday with Mrs. William Knapp and baby.

Fred Tamm has not been feeling well for quite some time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Clair Button called on Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, Sunday afternoon.

TROOP 35 BOY SCOUTS ENTER NEW YEAR

Troop 35 Boy Scouts will be registering for another year, with the following adult leaders: Rev. Fred Fisher, chaplain; Leo Bury, chairman; Fred Westlake, secretary; Starr Graham, committeeman; William E. Barnum, scoutmaster; Richard Ericson, assistant; Russell Banks, assistant and Dietrich Mc Farland, assistant.

The troop, which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Farmington, hopes to have as successful a year as the one just past.

The Scouts thank Emory Hatton of Hattons Farmington Hardware for the use of his window for the Boy Scout display which has been showing this week, in observance of Boy Scout Week.

LEGAL NOTICES

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EDMUND F. YERKES, Attorney at Law, Northville, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said Court, on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1947.

Present, Honorable ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Helen L. Gaffney (Helen Louise Gaffney), James J. Gaffney having filed a petition praying that an instrument in said court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said will or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, That the tenth day of March, A. D. 1947 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof once each week for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

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SENIOR PLAY AND CAST ARE CHOSEN

"Stardust" having been selected for this year's class play, seniors will soon be very busy with Mr. Smith as their director.

The play will be presented on March 1, 1947, in the Farmington High School Gymnasium at eight o'clock.

A class-wide search was held to find the appropriate people for the necessary roles. Mr. Smith announced the cast as follows: Janet Ross-Lee Ebersole, Phil Ford-Duane Delling, Marion Phipps-Helen Early, Cynthia Reene-Marilynn Eichler, John Redman-Junior Fendt, Raimund Brown-Bob Neff, Mavis Moriority-Marilyn Thureson, Miss Freeman-Doris Lathrup, Miss Robinson-Nancy Robertson, Miss Jones-Carol Joy, Tad Voohis-Stan Packard, Stella Brahms-Patt Wheeler, Mr. Bach-Larry Meyer, Dean of Women-Elsa Nystrom, Prudence Mason-Vera Dietrich, Claire Carter-Marge Fisher, Jerry Flanagan-Burke Martin, Arthur Scott Jr.-Bob Chesley. Stage Manager-Bob Bell, student directors-Helene Saplenz and Joan AschenBrenner.

The play centers around a group of stage-struck college students. They plan to give a play, with the help of a New York actress. There are many breathless moments as people come and go throughout the play. P. W.

Student Council Maps Special Campaign

At a recent Student Council meeting the topic of "courtesy" was brought up. It was decided that three groups of two people each would go to every room, covering all the grades (eight through twelve), discussing politeness in school and out. Those chosen were: Joan Adams, Beverly Fisher, Pat Wheeler, Jerry Miller, Bob Aulgur and Bob Chesley. Many things will be mentioned under the topic. Next week there will be a courtesy campaign carrying out the plan.

There is going to be a noon monitor system in the gym to eliminate some of the commotion during that period. P. W.

Library Club Begins '47 Activities

Because of the lack of members, the Library Club was not formed until the second semester of the school year.

Last week steps were taken toward organization. Officers were elected, and a regular meeting day was arranged. Dorothy Beckwith was elected chairman; Florence Tamm, social chairman, and Dolores Gates, secretary. There are eight members. The meetings are to be held once a week on Monday at noon.

Members work in the library one period a day and receive ½ credit a semester. N. T.

Cultivate Grapes

At least 1,500 varieties of grapes are cultivated in Europe. The grape is supposed to have been indigenous to Asia.

EDITORIAL

Courtesy Counts

What are we going to do about the low standards of courtesy in our high school?

We all know that the crowded conditions cause irritation and tension in halls and class rooms. But slow down! Be careful of the fellow in front of you. He is moving along as quickly as he can.

Don't shriek at people 'way across the hall. It only adds to the confusion and makes it necessary for others to shout to be heard.

Exercise common courtesy in everything you do. Little words like "please", "thank you" and "excuse me" can do so much in creating a friendlier atmosphere.

Everyone will follow a fad. Let's make courtesy a fad at F.H.S.!

VLD

Michigan State Renews Service To Schools

The transfer of John S. Pingel, former football star, from the department of physical education to the office of S. E. Crowe, dean of students, where he will be an administration assistant, is a major development in Michigan State's plans to revive the pre-war program of service to the high schools of Michigan.

Pingel will visit state high schools to confer on M. S. C. admission standards, courses and facilities, and to help students choose vocations.

He was employed in this program while a student at M. S. C. before he entered the army. While in the service he served in personnel and guidance work. On his return in 1945 he was appointed as the first veterans' counsellor at Michigan State. B. A.

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

Sunday, February 16, Senior Class Play Rehearsal, 4 to 6:30 p.m., stage.

Monday, February 17, Senior Rehearsal, 7 to 10 p.m., stage and gym.

Tuesday, February 18, P.T.A., 6:30, gym.

Wednesday, February 19, G. A. C. 6 to 9 p.m., gym. V. F. W., 7:45 to 10:45 p.m., cafeteria. Senior Rehearsal, 8 to 10 p.m., library.

Thursday, February 20, Senior Class Rehearsal, 7 to 11 p.m., stage and gym.

Friday, February 20, Basketball game with Milford here at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, V. F. W., 8 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., gym and cafeteria. M. E.

Track Team Begins Practice

Coach Hutton announced that the boys will begin indoor work this week; and as soon as it is warm enough outside, they will start working out on the athletic field. This early workout is in preparation for two indoor meets to be held in March with River Rouge and Mt. Pleasant. About 50 schools will be represented at each of these meets. B. A.

Junior High Starts Paper

Under the supervision of Mr. Gilson, the Junior High is organizing a grade school paper to be published weekly. It will cover grade news and high lights of high school events.

Eugene McCracken is the editor, assisted by Doris Grecu and Fred Raupp and a staff of eighteen reporters. V. L. D.

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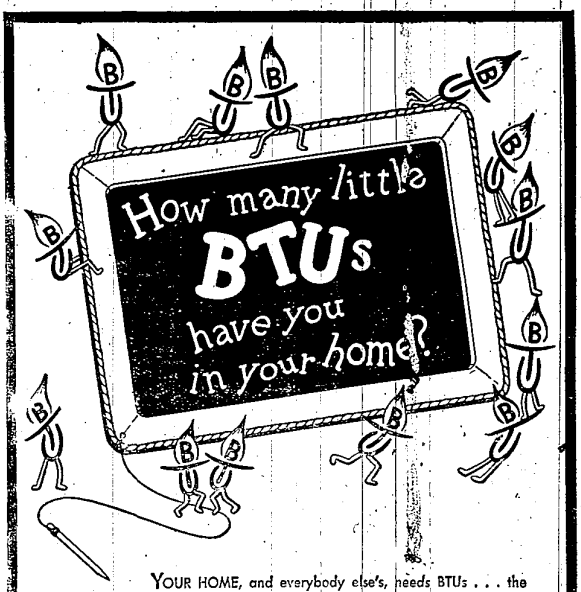

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