



DRIVE CAREFULLY... The Fourth of July holiday is not just a few words carelessly thrown together to make a sentence. It is the plea designed to help you and everyone else enjoy a wonderful holiday — but unless you heed it, the holiday may easily become the least enjoyable you have ever experienced. Safety engineers predict that with the millions of people who will be driving thousands of cars upon Michigan highways this week end, at least 30 persons will be killed and countless others injured. That estimated cost of carelessness can be whittled considerably if you, and every other Michigan driver, will remember to drive slowly and carefully. Don't take any chances, and give the other fellow more than an even break. You can make this the best Fourth of July ever, if you just will. It's entirely up to you.

BLUE SKIES... There have been very much the rule, instead of the exception this week, and everyone seems to be in a much better mood because of it. The gardens are growing like mad — you can almost see the shoots spring up, if you watch closely. It has been a wonderful week to get things done — all those little repair jobs about the house and yard. There are some beautiful coats of tan to show for it, too, for those who have been working out of doors — or perhaps getting in some sunbathing. A golden hue, and they'll get shaded darker as the summer advances.

OUR COMPLAINTS... To the City officials responsible for getting the main intersection pointed so that the crosswalks and turns are properly marked. There is no excuse for crossing at the wrong point, nor do motorists have any excuse for getting out into the intersection before coming to a stop for the traffic signal. With the help of safety engineers the proper markings have now been painted on the intersection, and it is plainly marked for everyone to use.

THE YOUNGSTERS... were disappointed Tuesday afternoon when the circus matinee did not materialize. In their usual good-natured fashion they made the best of it, however, and clutching a big bag of candy cotton in one hand, they managed to enjoy themselves anyway. Many of them were convinced with promises to return for the evening performance, but others knew their hopes of seeing a circus faded, when the matinee performance was cancelled. It is wonderful, too, how quickly youngsters recover from disappointments. Their elders would be inclined to snort or pout a bit, if nothing more, but not the kids.

THE FOURTH OF JULY... is almost history — and soon the bang of the firecrackers will be but a memory — pleasant because it is just that, and not a reality. The day has been less firecracker shooting than the past week — could be that the supply is diminishing, and after all, a few do have to be saved until the Fourth, even though it is unlawful to shoot them.

THE SMALL FRY... certainly have the advantage when it comes to "cool comfort" during the hot summer days, for they are well dressed in just about nothing — and how they love it! The youngsters had a wonderful time during the brief storm last Sunday afternoon, for they could stay right out in it, and really get cooled off.

THE CANNING SEASON... is at hand, with the strawberry preserves already stored away for the winter, and the cherries about ready to "put up." Many a housewife breathed a silent thank you when sugar rationing came to an end, for it meant she could once again plan to do the usual canning that has been the regular of the years when sugar was scarce — and the family did not have to hold back, either, for now she can still do the Saturday baking that is almost tradition in our American homes.

MANY OF OUR YOUNGSTERS... are trooping off to camp, where they will spend several weeks out of doors, living just about as close to nature as it is possible to do in this day and age, when every lake and park is overcrowded. How the kids do love to be outside the whole day long, being able to go swimming and hiking whenever they wish. Archery is always one of the most popular of pastimes at a summer camp, and the pleasant hours spent in nature study or craft work are not to be overlooked, either. It's a wonderful experience, and no child should be deprived of the opportunity to go to camp if it is at all possible for them to do so.

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD... some reports that Farmington residents have again been annoyed by a prowler, and it is true, for two such instances came to the attention of the police last week. It is wise, if you hear or see something of the suspicious nature about your home, to do nothing that would give the prowler a warning, or let him know that you are aware of his presence. Rather, contact the Farmington police at once, and let them search the premises. It will be much easier to apprehend the prowler if you will cooperate with the police, than for you to go ahead and try to do it by yourself. Curb your curiosity, and use the telephone instead — it's a better idea, all the way around.

BAND SCHEDULES BUSY PROGRAM FOR SUMMER

Registration for the annual six weeks summer band concert, sponsored by the Farmington Township School District, begins this Monday, July 7, at 9:00 a.m. The registration will take place at the band house on the corner of Grand Street and School Street, Lloyd Smith, director, announced.

Music classes will be conducted daily, Monday through Friday, for beginners as well as advanced students. These classes will be one hour long and will be grouped according to instruments.

The Summer Band, composed of advanced students, will meet daily to rehearse material for concerts and to rehearse material for the six week period. The Band will also prepare for the annual American Legion Gala Day ceremony.

Also on the Band's busy summer schedule are plans for a "Band-a-lot" with neighboring school musicians participating and a boat trip to Cedar Point some time this month.

Students interested in the Summer Band are invited to enroll for the six weeks course which extends until August 15.

Howard L. Richards Opens Law Office

Howard L. Richards, Detroit attorney, who has made his home on Sherwood Street, Farmington, for several years, announced this week the opening of his new law office at 1515 E. Grand Street, near Lakeway, Farmington. Mr. Richards will retain his present Detroit office in the Barlow Tower.

The new office will be open evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by special appointment.

BETROTHED



RUTH W. PETERS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Peters of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Jeanette, to Albert John Shobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton B. MacGillivray of Detroit. The bride-elect is a student at Michigan State College and her fiancé attends Lawrence Tech. The wedding date has not been set at present.

Maccabees To Have Dinner Party

The Maccabees of Liberty Town Hall of Farmington are planning a dinner for Wednesday evening, July 9, at Black's White House. It is hoped that everyone will attend. Reservations may still be made by calling Mrs. Fred Becker at Farmington 0121.

School Voters To Go To Polls Monday, July 14

Saturday Last Day For Registration

Qualified electors of the Farmington Township School District will go to the polls Monday, July 14, to elect two new members to the Board of Education in the annual school election.

The polls in the Farmington High School Gymnasium Building will be open Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The annual meeting of the Farmington Township School District will also be held Monday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as required by law.

Four candidates have filed petitions for membership on the Board of Education, two of which are to be elected. None of the candidates running are at present serving on the board. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, present president of the board, and Jess Early, Treasurer, did not file petitions for re-election.

The four candidates who filed petitions are: Fred Wilkinson, Ray Eichler, Gerald Domes and Carl Matz. The two candidates will serve three-year terms each.

The pictures and biographical sketches of the four candidates appear on page 5 of this week's issue.

Saturday, July 5, has been designated as the first day of registration. According to O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of Schools and Harry W. Moore, city clerk, registration has been very light thus far. Any resident of the Farmington Township School District, eligible to vote, may register Thursday at the Farmington High school or the City Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, July 5, registration will be taken at the High school and City Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marshall Faist Receives Degree From Wayne

Included in the list of 787 candidates for degrees conferred at Wayne University's June Commencement Thursday, June 12, in the Masonic Temple auditorium, was Marshall Faist, 33063 Rainbow Drive, Farmington, with a Bachelor of Laws degree.

The June ceremony, being the second of two 1947 commencement exercises, brought the total degrees awarded to 1297 for the year.

The commencement address was delivered by Major General Paul R. Hawley, chief medical director of the Veterans' Administration and retired Army officer. General Hawley served as chief surgeon of the European Theater of Operations during World War II and had Wayne University's General Hospital 36 under his command. His graduating exercises were held in the Masonic Temple.

Lots Giers spent the past week at the Golden Jubilee of the Kappa Delta Sorority at Virginia Beach, Virginia, as the delegate of Alpha Alpha Chapter at Michigan State College, of which she is vice president.

Farmington Boys Help Run State

It's not very often that a community the size of Farmington can boast of a teen age mayor — or a prosecuting attorney or a congressman. And when that does happen that a Farmington lad has been named a Justice of the State Supreme Court, they become doubly alert and wonder what the story is.

Actually the story is one of the Wolverine Boy's State. The State is a study in government where boys participate in the formation and operation of a model state. It is sponsored annually by the American Legion at Michigan State College.

Four fellows from Farmington were among the 85 delegates to the 1947 meeting which closed recently. And they were politically successful, even though they had to relinquish their offices when the chosen State dissolved.

Eight to represent Farmington at the East Lansing gathering were Ernie Tyler, delegate for the Kiwanis Club; Harvey Barnes, delegate for the Elks; and Ed Bridge, Dunckel, delegate of the City Commission, and Lee Lettrich of the Township Board.

The four youths came home with many trophies and honors. They had hectic days of convention and campaigning — the elections of City, county and state officials. They recall the friendly rivalry

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Freedom, Liberty, Independence — words, you say? Yes, words on the pages of our history. Words conceived by men — men with vision, with courage, with determination. Words that have sprung from the pen to life itself — your life and mine. Life that has been entrusted to us. Life to enjoy, to develop, to strengthen. Life dedicated to the solemn pledge that freedom, independence and democracy will remain for Americans now and forever.

WORK UNDER WAY ON FARMINGTON BANK EXTENSION

Work has begun on the expansion of the Farmington State Bank, Howard C. Knickerbocker, president, announced this week.

Plans call for the taking over of the store building directly east of the bank. This building, formerly occupied by the Twins Beauty Shop, and the temporary post office, will be turned into office space, Knickerbocker stated. "The filling, photographing, and general office work will be done in this building."

At present a door is being cut through the wall into the new quarters, which is about 25 feet by 40 feet. The building will be completely redecorated with files and office equipment installed.

The expansion has become necessary, Knickerbocker added, due to crowding of the present facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gillies of Lincoln, Michigan, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gus Tarr of Farmington Road.

Salvation Army Quota Reached

Farmington's 1947 Salvation Army Home Service Fund Drive is over the top, it was announced Monday by James Tagg, chairman.

A total of \$309.50 has been turned in to date, with a number of other donations yet to be received. Farmington's quota for the drive was \$300.00.

The drive opened last Monday, June 23, and continued officially through the week. However, efforts are being made at the present time to complete the drive so the final tabulation of contributions can be made. The present total is expected to be increased as pledged contributions come in.

Volunteer workers from the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Farmington Methodist Church operated the booth in the Farmington State Bank during the week. Members of the Women's Guild of the Salem Evangelical Church solicited the homes and business establishments in the Farmington area. The Farmington Kiwanis and Exchange Clubs also supported and assisted the drive.

This is the first Salvation Army Home Service Fund Drive to be held in the Farmington area. Prior to this time it was entirely financed through the War Fund. However, Farmington, along with nearly every other community in Oakland County, was asked this year to contribute to the Fund. Farmington's contribution along with others throughout the county, will enable the continuation of the work of the Salvation Army, since the War Fund is no longer in existence.

If you have not already contributed to the drive, you may still do so by mailing a check or money order to the Salvation Army Home Service Fund, c/o Mr. Howard C. Knickerbocker, president, Farmington State Bank. Mr. Knickerbocker is treasurer of the Farmington Salvation Army Drive.

Through the efforts of the women who volunteered to assist in the drive and through the generosity of all those who contributed, Farmington once again has gone over the top.

Blue Star Mothers To Have July Party

The Blue Star Mothers will hold their July luncheon and card party at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 3. Luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Plans Completed For Town Meeting

Plans for the Farmington Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, July 10 at the Farmington Town Hall have been completed, Alfred Jones, chairman, announced Tuesday morning.

The meeting, sponsored by the Farmington Junior League, is for the purpose of familiarizing the public with the problems confronting the Farmington Township School District, and to acquaint them with the candidates running for election to the school board. Another objective of the Jaycees in sponsoring the project, is to stimulate interest in the school election and in school affairs, Jones said.

An invitation has been extended to the candidates running for election to participate in the program. Superintendent O. E. Dunkel has agreed to discuss the needs of the School District, the problems to be met and the actions and plans which have already been taken to meet these problems.

D. Gerald Domes, Ray Eichler, Fred Wilkinson and Carl W. Matz, candidates for election to the School Board, have been invited to participate in the program. Domes and Wilkinson have already accepted the invitation.

Two topic questions have been selected by the Jaycees committee for discussion by the candidates. They are: "What do you intend to do about the problem of overcrowding in our schools, not only for temporary relief, but also for future expansion?" and "How would you try to improve the working conditions, salaries, qualifications and related factors of our teaching staff?"

Each candidate will give a seven minute talk on these important subjects, Jones stated. Following the candidates' talk an open forum discussion will be held, in which questions from the audience may be presented to the candidates. Jones added that cards are now being sent out to persons throughout the Township and July 10, will be the day to bring these cards with you, sign them, when you come to the meeting. They will be collected and put in a box where they will be drawn on the night of the meeting.

This is being done because of limited time, Jones added.

Working with Jones on the Town Hall Meeting are: Charles Birchle, Frank Daley and Bob Palmer.

LOCAL BOYS TO PARTICIPATE IN BASEBALL TRYOUT

John Greco and Gene Schofer, both of the Farmington Junior League baseball team, will participate in Briggs Stadium tryouts at Plymouth Wednesday.

Three boys from the suburban area will be picked to play in the tryouts on July 7. The tryouts for boys living in Farmington, Wayne, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Redford begin Wednesday, July 2.

The team will be selected from each town represented and a final game will be played on Monday, July 14. Scouts from Detroit will be present and will select three boys to play on a team composed of players from the Detroit and Royal Oak areas against Metropolitan Detroit in Briggs Stadium on July 26.

Two boys will be selected from that game to represent Michigan in an All-Star game in Yankee Stadium in August.

1947 Census Figures Are Certified

Final, certified figures of the special Oakland County census, as authorized by the Board of Supervisors, for the County and all of its units, has been received and week by County Clerk, Lynn D. Allen. Allen received certification from Washington last Friday.

The population of Farmington Township has reached a new mark of 8,286, with a record male population of 4,198 and the female population of 4,088. This shows a gain of 2,611 persons over the 1940 census figure of 5,675.

Livonia in Farmington City is a male population of 790, and a female population of 329, for a total of 1,119. This shows a gain of 210 over the 1940 figure of 909. Neighboring townships have also increased in number. Novi Township now lists its population at 3,370, as compared to 2,428 in 1940; Southfield township shows a population of 13,212 as compared to 8,486 in 1940, and West Bloomfield now has a population of 5,586, compared to 4,579 in 1940.

Memorial Committee Studies Proposed Town Hall Addition

School Heating Plants Now Being Installed

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel announced Tuesday that work has begun on the installation of the heating plants in the Farmington High school and elementary school building.

Dunkel stated that the heating plants were delivered Monday and that work was begun at once putting them in the buildings. Although no definite date has been set as to when the job will be completed, school authorities have been assured that the plants will be ready for operation when school opens in the fall.

Work is being done by the American Heating and Ventilating Company of Toledo, Ohio.

Services Held For George Checketts

Mr. George K. Checketts, well known Farmington resident, passed away suddenly on Wednesday evening, June 25, at his home, 33115 Grand River Avenue. Mr. Checketts suffered a heart attack about the time he was leaving his home, but had been in good health, proving steadily. His sudden passing came as a great shock to his family and many friends.

Mr. Checketts was born in New York City, the son of George and Emily Francis Checketts. He was united in marriage to Mabel Stark of Northville on June 2, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Checketts have lived in Farmington for the past twenty years, coming here from Detroit.

Before coming to Farmington, Mr. Checketts was superintendent of the Detroit Y.M.C.A. Auto School, later becoming vocational director of the Detroit Y.M.C.A. He was a member of the Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M., and the Mecca Temple Shrine Lodge in Brooklyn, New York. He was also a member of the Farmington Exchange Club and an active member of the Farmington Methodist Church, having been a member of the official board of the Methodist Church for many years.

A host of friends and relatives attended funeral services on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Thayer Funeral Home, with Rev. Delmore Stubbs of Woodbridge Methodist Church in Detroit officiating. Burial took place in Rural Hill Cemetery at Northville under the auspices of the Farmington Lodge.

(Surviving Mr. Checketts, besides his wife, Mabel, and his son, George Wilbur, his mother, Mrs. Emily F. Checketts of Westfield, New Jersey, two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Westfield, Westfield, New Jersey, and Mrs. Charles Seipel of Brooklyn, New York.

Two Local Students Attend Band Course

Bob Plegier and Irene Romanuk are among approximately 230 high school musicians from all over the State of Michigan, who have been attending a special summer course at Michigan State College. Both Bob and Irene are members of the Farmington High School Band, and were selected to attend this summer course because of their outstanding work and advancement.

Entire Community Would Be Served By New Center

Some progress on the planning for a memorial for the boys of Farmington City and Township who gave their lives in World War II is reported by the Memorial Committee, following their meeting Monday evening of this week.

The committee had previously requested the various organizations of the City and Township to submit any ideas they had regarding the type of memorial most suitable, and most needed. The general trend of the replies the committee has received indicates that many groups feel a library or community center would make a fitting tribute to our war dead, as well as supply a much needed center for the community, and provide a memorial which would be used and enjoyed by the general public for many years to come.

A suggestion has been made now which would, if carried out, gain the financial support of both the Township and the City, but of the Farmington Masonic Lodge as well. The proposal is for an addition to Farmington Town Hall, on the corner of Grand and School streets, which would be used for the general appearance of the old Town Hall, nor destroy its significance and beauty as a landmark.

Among the suggestions offered was the moving of the Township offices into the present quarters of the library, the Elmer Doherty building. This would allow the hall to be opened all the way through the building and the proposed addition. Also discussed was the possibility of using the basement for kitchen and dining room. (Continued on Page Ten)

GARDEN CLUB MEETS MONDAY AT DOHANY HOME

The July meeting of the Farmington Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Doherty, 28425 Base Line Road, on Monday, July 7. This meeting is one of the first regular meetings ever to be held in July, and it will be an outdoor affair.

Members are asked to assemble at 12:30, and to bring their sandwiches. Beverage and dessert will be served by the hostess.

The program for the day will be devoted to practical arrangements of home grown garden flowers. Members will please bring containers, needle holders and clay, as well as cut flowers from the garden.

Chairman of the hostesses for the day is Mrs. Warren Joy, who will be assisted by Mrs. J. B. MacGulloch, Mrs. Henry Otis and Mrs. John E.'Brien.

CLARENCEVILLE NINE WINS SECOND GAME, LEADS LEAGUE

The League leadership Clarenceville baseball team journeyed to Livonia Center on Thursday, June 26, and handed their hosts a 10 to 5 defeat.

Lloyd Samuels, Clarenceville coach, said that Stark will play here Thursday, July 3. He released the following schedule for the remainder of the season:

July 10, Livonia Center, here
July 17, Livonia Center, here
July 24, Livonia Center, here
August 7, Livonia Center, here
August 14, Livonia Center, here
Unbeaten so far this summer, the Clarenceville baseball team has a record of three wins, two of them in the Livonia Recreation League. Their next decision of the victory was a 15 - 0 shutout of Detroit Autocar.

to begin the season, followed by league wins over Livonia 9 - 1 on June 19, and Livonia Center last week.

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