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Around The Block

FARMINGTONITES... watched with keen interest the results of elections held in surrounding cities last Tuesday. Although we were not allowed to vote, we are so closely associated with Detroit, Dearborn and Royal Oak, just to mention a few, that what happens to them has a marked effect on us, too.

SHARP, BLUSTERY WEATHER... can't be too far away. There are days now when there is a sharp twinge to the air, and we know too well what that means. It has been a long, long time, however, since we have experienced a fall as lovely as the one just past. We can't complain too bitterly of the winter ahead, no matter what it may offer. Already the youngsters are enthusiastically beginning to get out of the skates and sleds and get them in tip-top shape, and the woodens are coming out of storage.

HALLOWEEN IS OVER, BUT... this little incident which happened Halloween night seems to be an outstanding one which more people should know about. It so happened that Mrs. M. J. K... in Farmington had to be away last Friday night. As it is customary for each household to give to the poor begging waifs, so this abode did not want to let the youngsters down. They left a huge basket of suckers on the porch and a sign which read "Take One." To the surprise of the family upon their return some time later in the evening, they found the youngsters' return to the porch. The basket was not empty! Doesn't this prove that all is not to be considered bad, or wrong, on this night? There is some good in all.

ANOTHER INSTANCE... makes us feel somewhat elated, came to our attention this week. One of our residents lost her purse, containing a sum of money, and also some identification. Two boys found her purse on the street, where she had dropped it — and promptly returned it to her. Honesty is the best policy, and one can't learn that too early in life.

NOT ALWAYS... to let someone know when we are pleased with what they have done for us, nor do we always remember to tell something they have done for us, nor do we always remember to tell something they have done for us. It is always easy to complain and sarcasm quickly and easily. Perhaps that is why we especially appreciate it when someone takes the time to say "Thank you" — and why the whole world seems to be in a hurry to do a little more for us. It wouldn't hurt any of us to try and adopt a little more courtesy and kindness. It doesn't cost anybody a red cent!

OUR APOLOGIES... to Johnson's for saying there were no flags out on Navy Day. The flag in front of their store was out for all to see — and it should have been out for all to see. Anyway, the response was not what it should have been and another time, more of us should remember.

THANKSGIVING... is but a few weeks away, and already the lady of the house is beginning to think of all those things which she wants to bake and prepare for the festive holiday table. President Truman says it is all right to have poultry this year, so if you wish to have a turkey is more than you can get. Our markets tell us we'd better get ourselves a turkey, or a chicken, or decide what you want and let your butcher know.

KEEP INTEREST... in the football game to be played after school Friday is being shown between Clarenceville and Farmington. For years there has been a certain rivalry between students from the two communities, and now that Clarenceville has an active program of athletics, there is a new breath for competition. At any rate there will be a big crowd out to watch the game, and it promises to be tops in interest.

ANOTHER SURE SIGN... of the change of seasons is the early hour at which the daylight begins to fade. The shortness of the days is really noticeable now, and it seems that one no more than arrives home from work in the evening, but it is dark. Likewise, one is getting up in the dark these mornings. It's always twice as hard to get up before the sun does.

BUSINESS PLACES... in Farmington and elsewhere, are beginning to get ready for the Christmas shopping season, and the counters are holding a large assortment of toys and other gifts. Hudsons, and some of the large department stores are gaily decorated for the holidays ahead — once we find a few snow flurries in the air we'll be all set to plunge into the busy days that always mark the Christmas season.

FALCON RESERVES END SEASON WITH PERFECT RECORD

Farmington's Reserve ended its season Monday afternoon as it swept over the Clarenceville Reserves 52 to 0 to stack up an unbeaten record. The game was played at Farmington in four starts. Prior to the Monday game the Falcons had defeated Redwings and Reserves in their own territory. In addition to being unbeaten and untied, the Farmington Reserve team piled up 140 points in four games and was not scored upon once. James Davis is the Farmington Reserve coach.

Russell Reader Joins Farmington Bank Staff
H. C. Knickerbocker, president of the Farmington State Bank recently announced the appointment of Mr. Russell B. Reader as assistant side collect man for the Farmington State Bank. Mr. Reader, who joined the bank several months ago, has just returned taken over his new duties. Knickerbocker stated that for some time there has been a need for a man to handle the great amount of outside business that must be transacted by the Bank. Reader is charged with the handling of all outside correspondence. A resident of Dearborn, Michigan, Reader was formerly employed by the Fidelity Trust Company in Detroit. His son, Russ Reader, Jr. is a football star at the University of Michigan and Michigan State College.



RUSSELL B. READER

Falcons Close League Season With Victory

Down Walled Lake 25 to 6 Under Lights
Farmington High School's football team took a permanent hold on second place in the Inter-Lakes Conference Friday evening when they defeated Walled Lake 25 to 6 in their last league game of the 1947 season. Keego Harbor ended the season in first place with four wins against no losses, while Farmington held down second place with three wins and one loss. The Falcons, however, must end all season's record so far of five wins against one loss. It was the Falcons all the way Friday evening at Walled Lake. Farmington led statistically in every department except passing yards to Farmington's 73 yards. However, on the ground the Falcons charged for 197 yards to Walled Lake's 103.



November 11 marks a memory — a memory we pledge to keep alive. Today more than ever before we must not forget. American principles and ideals that they knew must live on. It's our pledge — our challenge.

Two Arrested On Traffic Charges

A car owned by Ronald Bell of Grand River Avenue, Farmington, was involved in a minor hit and run accident in Farmington early last Saturday evening, according to the report of the Farmington City Police. Driving the car at the time the accident occurred was Robert Coppens, 3221 American Avenue, Detroit. Coppens hit a parked car on Powers Road. The automobile, a 1942 Chevrolet coupe, belonged to Mrs. Hilda Pink, 217-40 Independence, who reported the accident to the police, giving the license number of the Bell car. Earlier in the afternoon the Farmington police had arrested Coppens on charges of reckless driving, after a chase through the city, and had taken him to the Oakland County Jail. Coppens was with him at the time the arrest was made, and had driven young Bell's car away. When the license number was reported to the police, they immediately called the Coppens home on Wednesday morning, and brought before Judge John J. Schulte. Both pleaded guilty as charged, and were sentenced to pay a \$25 fine and \$5 costs, and Bell's operator's license was suspended from him. They were released after settlement was made. Mrs. George Kies of Detroit was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Fred Paul. Mrs. Kies was the former Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Trojans Record Fourth Grid Win

Clarenceville's grid squad won their fourth game of the 1947 season Thursday afternoon when they blanked Detroit Country Day High school 13 to 0 on the Clarenceville field. The Trojans have not lost a game since the second game of the season, and have a record of four wins one tie and two losses. Clarenceville meets Farmington this Friday afternoon in the last game of the season for the Trojans. Clarenceville is assured of better than a 500 average for the season. In the game Thursday afternoon against Detroit Country Day, Clarenceville showed considerable offensive strength. The Trojans made 175 yards rushing to Detroit's 30 yards. The closest Detroit got to the Clarenceville goal line was the 15 yard line. Clarenceville kicked off to open the game, but Detroit was unable to move against the Trojans. Both teams jockeyed back and forth until a short 10 yard pass from Jack Ridell to Chuck Rousseau who then ran the ball and went 50 yards for the first Clarenceville score. Ridell converted for the extra point on a quarterback sneak. Detroit managed on a series of short passes to get the ball on the Trojans 25 yard line but lost the ball on downs. Early in the second period the Trojans scored again on a 35 yard dash around end by Stanley Harold. Although that was the only first play after the Trojans had taken over the ball, Ridell's kick for the extra point was no good and Clarenceville took the lead 13 to 0. Although that was the end of the scoring for the afternoon both (Continued on Page Twelve)

Novi Club Donates To Legion Home

Groves-Walker Post of The American Legion is in receipt of a contribution from the former Novi Rod and Gun Club, to be used in the construction of the Memorial Home building. Accompanying the donation, a check for \$140.00, was from Arthur W. Kregger, president of the Novi Rod and Gun Club in which he stated that a special meeting was held on October 14 at which time it was agreed upon by all members present to donate the club. They decided to divide the money in the treasury equally between Farmington, Northville and Novi. Legion members are very grateful for this splendid contribution, which will help toward the completion of the Memorial Home. It is necessary to raise a considerable sum yet before the home can be started. The Novi members feel, however, that they should proceed with the construction work, finishing the building as nearly as possible, and if necessary, delay the completion until such time as sufficient money was on hand to complete the new home. Anyone who has not yet made a contribution to the home, but who would like to help erect this memorial home, is urged to contact the Novi members who will be glad to help in any way possible, or to give their contribution to any member of Groves-Walker Post, or to Leon L. Church, Legion Commodore. The Legionnaires have accomplished a great deal at the home by turning out on Sundays. The men contribute their time and what a noble crew at work it does not take long to achieve what seems to be a never ending task. The Legionnaires invite you to stop and inspect the new building. The present Legion Home on Grand River is now on the site of construction is up, and the oil heating tank has been installed. Several complaints have been received that dogs are permitted to run at large, not only causing property damage, but creating a general nuisance. City ordinance provides that dogs shall be kept under control at all times, and the police and residents' cooperation in complying with the provisions of the ordinance.

School Board Expected To Call Special Election Early In December

The Board of Education indicated unofficially Monday evening at a special meeting, that voters of the Farmington Township School District will be asked to go to the polls early in December to vote on a proposed millage increase and bond issue for the new school buildings in the District. No official date has been set yet for the election but discussion on the part of the Board indicated an intention to hold it early next month. Each member of the Board was personally served a summons calling him to the meeting next Monday evening at which time a definite date for the election will be set. In addition to setting the date of the election the Board will officially determine the amount of millage increase to be asked for, as well as setting up the mechanics of the election. By a unanimous vote the Board approved a motion by Ray Eichler to give due consideration to a plan to divide the District into three voting precincts, this question to be brought up at the meeting of the first of the year. This action followed a motion by Paul Schreiber, which was turned down by a 3 to 2 vote, calling for immediate consideration and adoption of a plan for three voting precincts within the School District for the present contemplated election and future regular and special elections. Gertrude Domes seconded the motion. The question of a new voting precinct in the District was brought to the attention of the Board through a petition signed by residents of the Noble-William Grace area. A roll call vote was held on both motions. APPROVE PLANS Mr. Frederick D. Madison, school architect, appeared before the Board with completed plans on the proposed three school classroom units for the District. These plans were brought up at a date by Madison following the last meeting of the Board. Several changes were made by the Board and Madison during the discussion. These changes were made in the plans and presented to the Board at the Monday evening meeting. The Board approved the plans and Madison was instructed to reproduce photographs of the plans that might be made available to the voters of the District. UNITS PROPOSED Proposed plans call for a new classroom building and building site in the Noble-William Grace area, an addition to the present Bond school building and the erection of the first unit on the new high school site between Shawnesse and Ten Mile Road, north of the present Farmington high school building. The purpose of the proposed new buildings is to eliminate the present overcrowded conditions in the schools, particularly in the elementary schools of the District and to prepare for future expansion. Domes moved that a public letter be prepared and published in the Farmington Enterprise and copies be made of the plans that each registered voter of the District regarding the serious classroom shortage and appealing to the confidence on the part of the electors to the Board in this situation. The letter to be signed by all members of the School Board. Eichler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Elkins are happy to announce the birth of a son, Frederick Kingdon, Saturday, November 1, at the Pontiac General Hospital.

Noble P.T.A. Presents Bazaar On Saturday

"Come early folks, and do your Christmas shopping. You will go home dollars ahead." That's what the P.T.A. members at the Noble School are doing to get ready to hold their annual bazaar this week Saturday, November 8. The doors will open at 1:00 p.m. and the bazaar will continue throughout the afternoon and evening until 9:00 p.m. There will be all kinds of booths offering many lovely gifts and items that you will want for your own home, and in addition there will be the usual bazaar fare, home baked pies, pies and coffee. You may still purchase tickets on that beautiful quilt displayed in the window at Grimes' Cleaners, too. The regular monthly meeting of the Noble P.T.A. held last Monday evening, Mrs. Sage's class put on a Western play, "The Round-Up of Minnie". The play proved that men do get their horses and women get their hair done. It was a very amusing, and exceptionally well done. The P.T.A. would again like to thank Mr. Hallowell for the hours he gave, making it possible for the students to have a platform for use in presenting plays and skits at the school.

Hallowe'en - More Treats Than Tricks

Well, it's all over now, at least for another year. Farmington still has Hallowe'en with only a few days to go. It was a very successful one in that it wasn't too bad. Farmington police kept patrolling busy all Hallowe'en night patrolling up and down Farmington's streets and answering a few calls. On the whole the plea from the Police Department for cooperation on and before Hallowe'en was well received. The police reported that a window was broken by pranksters at the home of Arthur Lamb, 33204 Oakland Avenue, on Hallowe'en night. Street barricades were reported on Gill Road and on School Street, but no damage was done. However, most of the activity was confined to soaping store windows in the business district and parading around town. A lot of little beggars made their rounds at the school asking for help for the poor. In fact, a couple started good and early, hitting the business places in the middle of the afternoon. Evidence pointed to a pretty good hand out at the school. All the kids had a big time, and from reports the Dads that escorted them around had the time of their lives, too.

Suburban Shrine Club Elects New Officers

At the last monthly meeting of the Suburban Shrine Club, held October 30 at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, the following officers were elected for 1948: President, Neil Hanfford; First vice president, Charles Huebner; Second vice president, John Campbell; Secretary and Treasurer, Roy Kiefer; and to the Board of Governors, Joseph Bennett, Fred Hean, Hanz Messel, Blake Gillies, Morris Crumble, William Rose and William Taylor.

LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO HOLD "OPEN HOUSE"

Farmington's Elementary schools will celebrate American Education Week, November 10 to 14, with "open house" in the various schools of the District, Miss M. Ziecke, elementary principal announced Wednesday. Miss Ziecke stated that although parents are always welcome, we especially urge them to visit their schools during American Education Week. Parents will not be notified when and in what schools "open house" will be held. Miss Ziecke stated. In some instances Room Mothers are cooperating with the schools in an effort to make the visit by the parents more sociable as well as profitable. American Education Week is sponsored nationally by the National Education Association, the American Legion, the Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Official Voting Date To Be Set At Regular Meeting Monday

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