

Around The Block

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT ... at the Farmington High School Gymnasium, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. the Farmington High School Gymnasium, the orchestra will be all tuned up and break forth in rhythm — and the Third Annual Military Ball, sponsored by Farmington Post 4033, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be in progress. Want to go? Of course you do, so you haven't yet secured your tickets, get them! Of course at The Oak Pharmacy, The Center, Menko's Super Service, or from the Country Store. This is THE affair in the V.F.W. social calendar, and the fellows have been working hard to make this the biggest dance yet. Your attendance will mean a lot to all of them.

SUNDAY ... marks the birthday anniversary of George Washington, who was born in 1732. Hailed as the Father of Our Country, his birthday is now one of the most widely observed holidays we have. Since it falls on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as a legal holiday, so don't forget that when making your plans. Next week also is National Cherry Week, whether or not you believe the story about George Washington and the cherry tree, it's still a good reason to have mom bake one of her super cherry pies.

OUR THOUGHTS ... are beginning to turn toward spring. Not only has the weather this week, but a glance at the calendar shows us that Easter is but little more than a month away. Once Easter is here, we feel spring has arrived, despite the fact that an Easter as early as ours this year will give one little opportunity for the first thing. The first thing we'll be hearing the croak of the frogs — and nothing heralds the spring like that.

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE ... for as the frost goes out of the ground, the ice and snow that has been with us so long begins to melt, one can see little streams of water trickling down the street in almost every direction, and temporary lakes have formed in most of the empty fields, and in roadways and across sidewalks. Most everyone seems confident, however, that we will not experience a flood such as the one we had last year, and we hope they're right!

IT WAS TOUGH LUCK ... for the Falcon Reserves to lose that game to Cranbrook Tuesday night after a perfect season, they can take heart in the fact that it wasn't a league game. They're up against another rugged game Friday night when they meet Keego Harbor. As far as the men of the Varsity, with their short time off, everyone seems to have acquired additional interest in basketball. We expect the gymnasium will be packed to overflowing for all of the tournament games. Probably the fans will do as they did last year, and take a sandwich and go early, in order to be able to get the seat they want.

IT'S QUITE A JOB ... to keep track of the prices on various commodities these days. One goes to the store and finds one item lowered by as much as ten or twelve cents, while another has been raised in about the same proportion. What was a good buy yesterday is a poor buy today, and vice versa. It's quite a job to visit the market, and then plan your dinner. It does help a great deal, though, to look over the merchants' advertisements and see what special buys they have to offer — it saves time when you get to the store, and it will save you money, too.

"THAT NEW LOOK" ... has invaded the very young generation as much as it has the women — and it is so much more noticeable. One just can't quite get used to seeing the youngsters in school with their skirts well below the knee. Somehow or other we must adapt about fashions affecting the children, but it looks very much as if they do.

THE DAYS ... are really getting longer! One can notice it in the evening, for it doesn't get dark quite so early, but it is particularly noticeable in the morning. It was only last night at 7:30 just two or three weeks ago, but now the street lights are turned off about 7:00 a.m. and by 7:30 you feel guilty if you are still in bed — or do you? At any rate it is a lot easier to get up when it is light out-of-doors, or you know that it soon will be.

Trojans Defeat Dearborn Quintet

For the second time this season the Clarenceville Trojans defeated the Dearborn Roosevelt five in a cage contest Tuesday afternoon at Dearborn by the score of 25 to 20. This victory gives the Clarenceville Trojans a record of three wins against six losses. The Trojan Reserves, who also won Tuesday, have a record of four wins against five defeats. The Trojans jumped right into the game Tuesday night at Dearborn scoring four points in the first period while holding the host scoreless. Trojan Charles Rousseau scored both baskets for Clarenceville in the opening period. Dearborn began to make their baskets count in the second period, but Clarenceville managed to keep just ahead. The Trojans, however, were outscored by the Dearborn team 7 points to 4. The half ended with Dearborn just one point short of a tie, the score being Clarenceville 8 - Dearborn 7. Clarenceville was able to regain the offensive in the third period, outscoring Dearborn and widening their margin. The Trojans scored 7 points while holding Dearborn to 6. The third period score was Clarenceville 15 - Dearborn Roosevelt 13. Early in the fourth period Dearborn tied the score but quick shots by Riddell and Fry pulled the game out of the fire for the Trojans. After that Dearborn rally, Clarenceville had command of the game until the final buzzer. The score ended Clarenceville 25 - Dearborn 20. Rousseau was high point man for Clarenceville with seven points. Coach Lloyd Samuels used eight Trojans in the game, five of whom broke into the scoring column.

RESIDENTS WARNED AGAINST POSSIBLE ESCAPING GAS

"If you smell leaking gas in your home, play safe and call Consumer Power Company." This advice was issued by David L. Brown, Division Manager for Consumers. He said it applied to all Farmington area residents, regardless of whether or not they have gas service in their homes. The severe winter, according to Mr. Brown, has caused the possibility of breaks in underground gas lines. Gas escaping in frozen ground may travel underground, follow gas pipes into the home, and become a gas customer. Or it may follow a water line or some other pathway into the home of a non-customer. "This has been the most severe winter in many years from the standpoint of gas companies and water departments," said Mr. Brown. "The ground has frozen much deeper than usual, and while our mains and service pipes are built to stand up to the cold with the customary practices, the danger of underground leaks cannot be entirely eliminated. Leaks in underground pipes, sometimes develop from the contraction and expansion of the metal under extreme weather conditions. Or frost may sometimes cause the ground in some particular spot to heave more than the piping can stand." Mr. Brown said the chief danger of breaks caused by frost is the ground may develop during the next few weeks as the frost leaves the ground. "We are putting lots of odor into the gas," he said, "so that leaks may be easily detected. If anyone smells leaking gas in his home, the only safe course is to call the company immediately." "We will be glad to send a man right out to check the situation and take whatever action is necessary," he said. "If the odor of gas is strong, or other good reason, the company will be glad to send a man to the house by opening doors and windows." Mrs. Wendell Green opened her home Friday evening for a champagne demonstration. Due to the slippery roads, a small group was present.

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Township People Seek Protection From Hunters

Rubbish Disposal Creates Problem

The menace of hunting within the boundaries of Farmington Township was brought to the attention of the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting held Tuesday evening by residents of the Township. One citizen appearing before the Board, stated that not only had he suffered property loss because of hunters, but his wife actually had been shot at, and guns had been fired at his home. He stated that he did not consider it safe to go out of doors hunting season. Similar instances have been reported before, and the Board agreed to check into the situation and see what protection could be provided for property owners, and what Southfield Township has ruled within its boundaries unlawful, and hence Farmington Township is the first area this side of Woodward Avenue where hunting is permitted, and the opening of the season always sees a great influx of hunters.

Town Hall Insured ... The Board discussed the matter of insurance on the Farmington Town Hall, and voted to take out a policy for \$25,000 extended coverage insurance, for a three year period. This, it felt, will protect the Township's interest in the property.

An S.D.M. license for the new C. F. Smith Super Market on Eight Mile Road, soon to be opened, was approved. Township Justice Virgil Campbell was requested to contact proprietors of business places located near Eight Mile Road and St. Francis, and ask their cooperation in keeping rubbish cleared away from the rear entrances of their stores. Residents have complained about this condition, and requested some action be taken to help eliminate the nuisance. Other instances were also discussed concerning the dumping of garbage, and trash, and it was decided to post signs in some areas to see if the situation could not be improved.

When Horse Shoeing Was The Thing



Back when horse shoeing and wagon making was a thriving business in Farmington, when Grand River Avenue was little more than an extra-wide dirt trail and open fields spread out where homes now stand. That is the period in Farmington's history recorded in this post card picture. The large building on the left stands on the property occupied by the Precise Tool Company. The building pictured was moved from the old Farmington Fair Grounds located on Farmington Road just south of Nine Mile Road, to the city where it was converted into a blacksmith and woodworking shop. It was owned by the Graham Brothers, and was a very busy place in the days of the horse and wagon.

Farmington Five Upset By Milford In Inter-Lakes Conference Contest

In one of the biggest upsets of the 1947-48 Inter-Lakes Conference season the league leading Falcons dropped a one sided game to last place Milford-Friday evening 50 to 32 at Milford and then turned around to drop a non-conference game to Cranbrook 33 to 20 following afternoon on the Cranbrook floor. It was Milford all the way in the Inter-Lakes conference game Friday. At no time during the game did the Falcons threaten. Milford jumped right into the game scoring five points before Farmington could break into the scoring column. The first quarter ended, Milford 13 - Farmington 8. Milford continued to build up a protective lead in the second period while holding Farmington without a check. The game was very fast and rough from the opening jump-off. Milford scored 13 points in the second period while Farmington was held to 4 tallies. The halftime score saw Milford out in front 25 to 12. Farmington was able to rally some in the third period although they were again outscored by Milford. Farmington accounted for five points in the third period while Milford was building up their lead by scoring 13 points. The third period score was Milford 39 - Farmington 21. Both teams went into the last period flat and hard and both were credited with 11 points. It was Farmington's highest scoring period but they were unable to gain on the stubborn Milford team and the game ended with the score 50 to 32 in favor of Milford.

Falcon center Ernie Tyler was high point man for Farmington with eight points. Coach Bob Hutson used 10 men against Milford, all but two scored. The Junior Varsity won their twelfth game of the season by defeating Milford 59 to 12. Center Herb Diebel was high point man with 21 points. In the game Tuesday at Cranbrook the Falcons came from behind briefly to lead in the final period, but were unable to hold it and lost their second straight game 33 to 29. Cranbrook was the first to score and both cars were driven away by their owners. The accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, February 15, at about 5:00 p.m. The Falcons fell a little further back in the second period as Cranbrook continued to outscore Farmington. The halftime score stood at Cranbrook 15 - Farmington 10. Farmington began to click in the third period coming within one point of tying the score. (Continued on Page Seven)

FARMINGTON GIRLS APPEAR BEFORE MASTER CLASS

Carolyn Sarabak, Barbara Elchler and Rosemarie McLeish, piano pupils of Mrs. Florence Edgar, appeared recently before the Master Class in Detroit, conducted by Leo Poldozky, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Poldozky is an internationally known concert pianist, lecturer, educator, editor and sponsor of music forum clubs in many cities. Mrs. Edgar has been a member of his Master Class for four seasons, and a private pupil for three seasons, as well as a sponsor of his Music Forum Club in Detroit.

George Shaws Mark 65th Anniversary



A Farmington Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Shaw of 2121 Oxford Avenue, Farmington, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 22. Since their marriage in 1922, it is a fact that they have celebrated a 65th anniversary. The Shaws were married February 22, 1883, at the bride's home at Plymouth and Merriam Road, which is the site of Rosewood Gardens. They owned a farm at Inkster Road and Schoolcraft until Mr. Shaw's retirement. He has been totally blind for 25 years, but still retains his wonderful sense of humor and keeps up on all events through his radio. Mrs. Shaw often bakes delicious pies and cookies and she has crocheted a bedspread for each of her great grand children and does lots of fine crocheting. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have three children living, William M. Shaw, 2021 Oxford Avenue, Roy G. Shaw, 21230 Cambridge, and George E. Shaw, 22921. Another daughter Margaret Shaw, passed away in 1906. They have seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The family plans to spend part of the day with them on their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 22, 1948.

Two Injured In Cut-Off Accident

Two persons were seriously injured in a four vehicle traffic accident on the Grand River Cut-Off last Monday, police officials announced this week. The accident occurred at 6:15 a.m. at the height of a storm which left the highways of southern Michigan covered with ice. Three cars and a truck piled up on the U. S. 16 Cut-Off just west of Tuck Road in City Treasurer's office. The car, a 1934 Buick, was driven by Rose Burlew, 945 Wolverine Drive, Walled Lake, driver of one of the cars, was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital suffering from a contusion of the head and abrasions of the hand and arm. Henry R. Sutt, 1634 Leon Road, Walled Lake, a passenger in a second car driven by Walter Henkel, 2940 Crumb Road, Walled Lake was also taken to Redford Receiving Hospital suffering from a contusion of the head and lacerations above the left eye. According to reports the accident occurred when the car driven by Rose Burlew skidded across the icy road and came to a stop. Another car, following the Burlew car, driven by Earl McDowell, Rt. 1, Bad Axe, pulled onto the shoulder of the highway. A third car, a 1934 Buick, moving very slowly approached the other two cars. A truck, driven by Mathew Metelick, Jr., RFD 1, Alt, Michigan, also moving slowly, applied his brakes as he approached the other cars, however, he began to skid and lost control, striking the other cars. A minor accident was also reported by the Farmington City Police this week. The accident occurred in front of the Standard Service Shop when a car driven by Burton Stafford, 29216 Greening and one driven by Herman Tormyn, 16722 Westbrook, Detroit, collided. No one was injured in the accident and both cars were driven away by their owners. The accident occurred on Sunday afternoon, February 15, at about 5:00 p.m.

SAFETY SIGNS WARN OF SCHOOL ZONE

Farmington motorists have undoubtedly noticed the safety patrol boy signs on Grand River Avenue, warning of the approach to school crossings. The safety signs have been put out along the highway through the operation of the Farmington Township School District and the Farmington City Commission. The Farmington Police have assumed the duty of patrolling the "hazard" each morning and taking them in at night after school children have gone home. It is hoped that the warning signs will help to prevent accidents. The signs are being put out by the City, the giving greater protection to the school children. Farmington Macabees To Meet In Town Hall The Macabees, Liberty Tent No. 10, will meet in the Farmington Town Hall for regular meetings, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, beginning Monday, February 22, at 8:00 p.m.

Action Taken To Prevent Dumping

A warning was issued this week that dumping of garbage and rubbish along the roadside will not be tolerated. The situation has been bad for some time, but it seems to be increasingly worse, and with summer approaching, it can become a dangerous problem if some steps are not taken now to prevent the dumping of garbage and rubbish at the roadside. Township Health Officer Dr. John F. Vos stated this week that if anyone is caught dumping rubbish, or if the identity of anyone who has been disposing of garbage and rubbish at the roadside is ascertained, he will be punished to the full extent of the law. No one should have to be told that it is unlawful to throw rubbish along the highways, but it seems to have become quite a common practice throughout the Township. Along some of the main traveled roads in the Township twelve to fifteen bags of boxes and garbage have been found within a single mile, where motorists have tossed them out of automobiles.

This is not only unsightly but it may prove much more serious. During the summer months rodents and stray animals are attracted to the decomposing matter, and it will be almost impossible to keep them under control. Dr. Vos asks the cooperation of everyone in the community, not only in the dumping of garbage, but themselves, but in identifying anyone whom they may see dumping along the roadside.

Robert Stanek Home From Navy Cruise

Robert Stanek, SSML 3/c at 3308 State Street, Farmington, has just returned from a six week travel cruise to South and Central America as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Stanek, stationed at the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center at Dearborn, left from Norfolk and made stops at Trinidad and Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is the first trip of a U. S. warship to Argentina since 1935.

Board Accepts Bid For Purchase Of Farmington School District Bonds

DEADLINE NEARS FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT TAX

With only a little over a week remaining in which City and Township residents may pay their current taxes without penalty, both City and Township officials are making a last effort to collect the money. Township Treasurer Clayton Goers reported that collections have speeded up during the past week. Mr. Goers, stated that approximately 75 per cent of the Township taxes have been paid to date. The Township Office is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For the convenience of residents who are unable to get to the office during these hours, Mr. Goers announced that the office will also be open on Friday evenings, February 20 and 27, between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. City residents may pay their taxes at the Municipal Building any day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday until 12:00 noon. Saturday, February 28, is the last day on which taxes may be paid without penalty.

New Kindergarten Session To Be Added At Fairview School

The bid for the purchase of \$50,000 worth of bonds of the Farmington Township School District was awarded to The First of Michigan Corporation, a continuation of the regular meeting held Monday, February 9. A total of three sealed bids were received for the purchase of the bonds. The money from the sale of the bonds is to be used by the school district for the purchase of school sites and the construction of three proposed school units. Low Bidder The First of Michigan Corporation of Detroit was awarded the purchase of the bonds after all bids were opened and studied. The Corporation bid at 2 1/4% interest with a \$750,000 premium. The Board of Education authorized the bid which produced the lowest interest cost to the school district. Upon the agreement of all the bidders a motion was made, prior to the opening of the bids, calling for the pledging of the 1948 tax levy of 10 mills for the payment of the principal and interest and any surplus to be held in reserve until the issue is retired. The motion was accepted and carried in a roll call vote. To indicate the excellent financial status of the Farmington Township School District several reserve funds and bond sales were mentioned at the meeting. In all cases the interest rate on the bonds ran between 3 1/4 and 4 1/2%.

Military Ball Is This Saturday

It is expected that a large number of Farmington residents, their guests and friends, will gather at the Farmington High School Gymnasium on Saturday evening, February 20, for the Third Annual Military Ball, presented by the Farmington Post 4033, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The military ball is the highlight of the year for the Veterans and their guests and they have worked on the details of this year's dance for many weeks, planning to make this the biggest ball they have yet held. Dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the music of Bill Conroy and his orchestra, featuring Beryl Irwin and Lee Thorpe as vocalists. Novelty entertainment is also planned by the orchestra, which has become very popular in local circles. One of the highlights of the military ball, as in past years, will be the Grand March. Members of Farmington's V.F.W. Post extend a most cordial invitation to you to attend the ball. All ticket sales have been very good. Tickets are still available and may be purchased from The Center, The Oak Pharmacy, Menko's Super Service, or at Davis Country Store.

CAGE TOURNAMENT DRAWINGS TO BE HELD TUESDAY

"Drawing for opponents and schedules in the Michigan High School Athletic Association 22nd Basketball tournament will be held at the Farmington High School gymnasium Tuesday, February 24, it was announced this week. A total of four Class B schools and five Class C schools have been allocated to the District 29 tournament which will be held at the Farmington High School gymnasium Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5 and 6. The schools assigned to the District 29 tournament are: Class B, Plymouth, St. Marys of Orchard Lake, Inkster High School and Farmington; Class C, Northville, South Lyon, St. Alphonsus of Dearborn, Inkster Roosevelt and Clarenceville. A total of 72 District tournaments will be held in high schools throughout the State of Michigan during the first week and in March. The following week 22 Regional tournaments will be held. Winners in the District 29 tournament will go to the regional tournament to be held in Ferndale for Class B schools and Oxford for Class C schools. The Regional Tournaments will be held the week following the District Tournaments.

Baritone Solo To Be Given Sunday

A feature of the Sunday morning Worship Service at Salem Church, at 10:00 a.m., will be a baritone solo, "Closer Still With Thee" by Rolfe. Mr. George Glidewester is the soloist.

Kiwanis Club Lends Helping Hand

Since the first of the year an active program of helping boys to help themselves has been under way at the Kiwanis Club of Farmington, which has already been labeled "the best of its kind at the school". Beginning January 15, the Farmington Kiwanis Club has been furnishing leadership, through its members, for an interesting and educational Monday evening club program at the Boys Republic. Clyde L. Reed, superintendent of the Boys Republic, working through the cooperation of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington, has been putting the program in motion. Rudolph Yanke is the coordinator for the project. The activities are originally arranged by the Republic and the Farmington Kiwanis Club called for six Kiwanis night sessions of one hour each. As many boys as possible were included in the program. Their interests and abilities were considered before they were assigned to the project. A bridge club of twelve boys has been meeting under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Conroy. According to officials at the Republic interest in this group has been getting a great deal of enjoyment out of these Monday night bridge club activities as well as learning a lot about the game.

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