



SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS... are very sure that spring is just around the corner...

THE SEASON OF LENT...

draws to a close this week as we observe Passion week. May we remind you of the annual Union Service on Good Friday...

DO YOU HAVE...

your tickets for the Card Party and Fashion Show to be given by The Town Club on Thursday evening, April 15, at the Farmington Town Hall?

NOW WE HEAR ABOUT...

the latest ink, from one of our local residents who is a subscriber to the Lapeer County Press. This paper came out this week with a spring issue...

DO YOU HAVE A RED RING...

around April 2 on your calendar? You should have, for that is the date "All Baba and The Forty Thieves" will be at the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

THE LITTLE CANISTERS...

you will find in our stores during April are there to receive your contribution for the American Cancer Society.

Jaycees Announce Second Fun Bowl

Due to the curiosity aroused by the secrecy surrounding the date of the 1948 "Fun Bowl" to be held at Farmington Recreation a little earlier than planned.

According to the Jaycee committee this year's "Fun Bowl" will be even bigger and better than last year's, with twice as many prizes going to the winning bowlers.

Reduced rate admission tickets are now available through any member of the Farmington Jaycees or at Farmington Recreation. The committee pointed out that you do not have to be an accomplished bowler to win one of the bowling prizes.

As usual the proceeds from the "Fun Bowl" will go toward the community betterment projects. Heading that list right now is the Scotchlight-a-bike program, which is a safety campaign for marking bikes with fluorescent paint.

Committee chairman Bill Felton stated this week that tickets are moving fast and everyone interested in an evening of real fun should get their tickets now.

SAMUELSON TROPHY RETAINED BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 35

Boy Scout Troop 35, Baptist Church, Farmington, retained the coveted Samuelson Trophy Saturday night at the Southern Neighborhood held at the Farmington High School gymnasium by advancing the greatest amount of money of any other troop in the area.

Approximately 50 Boy Scouts and Boy Scout leaders attended the Jamoree. Troop 35, by winning the Samuelson trophy, is entitled to represent the Southern Neighborhood at the District Jamoree to be held in Pontiac April 16.

At the Neighborhood Jamoree at the Farmington Gymnasium last Saturday, each troop present put on a brief skit depicting the subject of "Training For Trouble". All troops in the Southern Neighborhood were present and all participated in the program.

Voters Approve Clarenceville School Building

Issues Passed By Substantial Majority

Voters of the Clarenceville School District Tuesday approved by a sizeable majority a millage increase and bond issue for the purpose of constructing an Auditorium-Gymnasium building on the Middlebelt School site.

By 106 votes over the required two-thirds majority, electors of the District approved the question calling for an increase in the millage from 1.5 for a five year period, for the financing of the building program. The voters also passed the bondage issue, which requires only a simple majority, by better than 2 to 1.

The vote was as follows: Millage Increase Question YES 488 NO 217 Bond Issue Question YES 468 NO 209

A total of 764 votes were cast in Tuesday's election and seven ballots were reported spoiled. Due to poor road conditions the vote was held down to some extent.

FOURTH VOTE This is the fourth time the millage increase and bond issue have been voted on by residents of the school district. Tuesday's vote was a compromise issue calling for both a proposed Auditorium-Gymnasium Building and classrooms. Prior to this vote the proposals had been for a gymnasium building.

The first time the question was voted on the millage increase, which requires a two-thirds majority, lost by seven votes and the bond issue by 51 votes and the third time it lost by eight votes. In each vote the bond issue, which requires only a simple majority, passed.

Immediate steps are now being taken to prepare the necessary data and application to the Michigan Finance Commission seeking approval for the bond issue to finance the proposed building program. This material must be compiled and forwarded to the Michigan Finance Commission before approval can be granted. No further action can be taken until the Commission has approved the application.

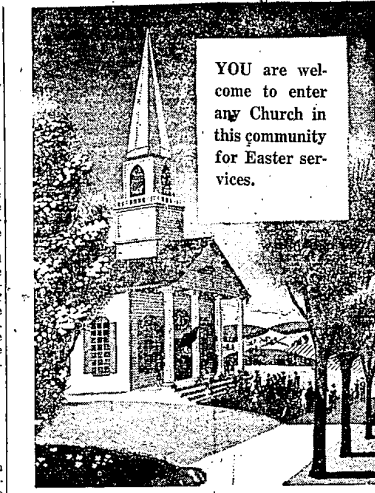
It was announced following the election that Jensen and Knepp, architectural engineers in Detroit, have been designated to prepare complete plans of the proposed building and to supervise the construction of the unit.

P.T.A. Groups To Discuss Recreational Program

Mr. Lynn Rodney, chairman of the National Recreation Association for Michigan, OHM and West Virginia will address the Farmington Parent-Teachers Association and the Bond and Noble School Clubs in Farmington, on Tuesday, April 20.

The National Recreation Association, which is a non-profit organization initiated in 1906 by Theodore Roosevelt. The primary function of this national organization is to answer questions about organized recreational programs. Mr. Rodney is coming to Farmington to advise the newly organized Farmington Area Recreational Commission, and to answer questions about organized recreational programs.

St. Paul's Lutheran Special Easter services, featuring the message of the risen Redeemer, will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road, at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. In the first service the entire Sun-



Local Churches To Mark Easter With Special Music And Messages

Good Friday Union Services for the Farmington area will be held on March 25, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. Everyone is invited to this annual Good Friday observance in which local churches cooperate.

Rev. A. Stanley Stone of the Methodist Church will deliver the message, and other ministers will conduct prayers and give Scripture readings.

The Ore Devotion will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, on Good Friday from 12:00 noon, until 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Easter services at Farmington's First Baptist Church will begin with a Sunrise Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. The fellowship service under the tables will feature special music and brief messages on "What Brought Me To Me" by selected young people from the Youth Fellowship.

At the Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. the pastor, Rev. Fred B. Fisher, will base his Easter Theme, "Easter With Christ," on the sixth chapter of the Book of Romans. The combined robed choir under the direction of Eleanor Scharschburg, will sing Mueller's rousing anthem, "He Is Risen." Sunday School following the morning service at 11:15 a.m. will use the Easter Theme, "Eternal Life."

Special feature at the 7:30 o'clock evening hour will be an Easter concert by the Youth Choir. Their selections, "The Holy City" by Adams, "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" arranged on a traditional Spanish air, Von Gluck's "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "Spring Bunches Together" by Thompson, and traditional Norwegian melody, "This Glad Easter Day," will be interspersed with devotional messages by members of the Youth Fellowship. Farmington residents are cordially invited to all the services.

St. Paul's Lutheran Special Easter services, featuring the message of the risen Redeemer, will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebelt at Eight Mile Road, at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. In the first service the entire Sun-

Less than 50 per cent of the 1948 Red Cross quota set for the Farmington area has been raised to date, O. E. Dunkel, local chairman, announced Wednesday morning.

Of the \$2,997 quota established this year for Farmington, Farmington Township, only \$1,485 had been received up to Wednesday morning, Dunkel stated, however, that this included only actual reports from area chairmen. Many have not been able to get their reports to the chairman as yet.

The poor condition of the roads throughout the Township area has greatly slowed the progress, Dunkel added. Many volunteer workers have been unable to cover their areas the past week due to impassable roads in many sections of the area. Dunkel stated that volunteers would continue to work the entire area for the next few days, but he expected that if road conditions improve that contributions from persons not as yet contacted would swell the total.

Dunkel stated that persons may contribute at the booth at the Farmington State Bank every week day, including Friday night and Saturday. Volunteer workers are continuing to cover the entire area in spite of the poor road conditions and are doing as much as possible to contact each resident.

Last week, Oakland County citizens raised \$18,259.79 making a total of \$53,534.30 toward the \$74,485 quota for the 1948 Red Cross Fund Drive. Cross of Public, chairman of the drive in Oakland County, reports enthusiastic response to the fund campaign, saying that people evidently realize the importance of the statement that "the value of dollars has shrunk but human needs have not."

Special Election Result Is Given

Registration of eligible voters in Farmington City and Township, for the April 5 special election has been completed by City Clerk Harry Moore and Township Clerk Harry McCracken.

Some inquiry has been made as to who may vote on the second question to appear on the ballot in this special election involving the spreading of the two mill tax for the Infirmary. Harry J. Merritt, Corporation Counsel for Oakland County, stated that Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution reads as follows:

"Whenever any question is submitted to a vote of the electors which involves the direct expenditure of public money on the issue of bonds, only such persons having the qualifications of electors who have property assessed for taxes in any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election or the local business or wives of such persons shall be entitled to vote thereon."

The Attorney General, in an opinion issued February 21, 1940, has ruled that "elector who has personal property assessed for taxes in a qualified voter under this provision." Under the Constitutional provision above quoted, the wife of such a property owner would be entitled to vote thereon.

Accordingly, to vote on the second question in the Special Election on April 5, in addition to being a registered voter, one must also be the owner of property assessed for taxes within the district to be affected by the result of the election. (Continued on Page Twelve)

April Designated For Cancer Drive

The month of April has been designated as Cancer Control Month. Farmington residents are asked to cooperate in the nation-wide drive to raise funds to carry on the work of the American Cancer Society.

Our Lady of Sorrows Easter masses at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, according to Rev. Fr. Thomas Behan, will be held at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15 and 12:30 p.m.

Salem Evangelical Easter services at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will begin with a Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. Opening the service will be the Crucifixion scene, Resurrection Scenes, and Resurrection Proclamation. Cancer dressings are made and given free of charge to cancer patients. Also available to the cancer patient, from a Loan Closet, are such items as hospital beds, trays, bed jackets, cotton cleansing tissue, and afghans, to mention a few.

Detection centers are maintained by the American Cancer Society, where it is possible to obtain free cancer examinations free of charge.

The further research study in the field of cancer discovery and treatment is maintained by funds you give. Most in the area, including Detroit, will be an outstanding Institute of Research. While the Institute is incorporated it is supported by the American Cancer Society.

Everyone should take an interest in the American Cancer Society. They are carrying on one of the greatest humanitarian programs of our day, and one that will mean a great deal, not only for you, but in the years to come.

Red Cross Drive Nears Half Mark

Less than 50 per cent of the 1948 Red Cross quota set for the Farmington area has been raised to date, O. E. Dunkel, local chairman, announced Wednesday morning.

Of the \$2,997 quota established this year for Farmington, Farmington Township, only \$1,485 had been received up to Wednesday morning, Dunkel stated, however, that this included only actual reports from area chairmen. Many have not been able to get their reports to the chairman as yet.

The poor condition of the roads throughout the Township area has greatly slowed the progress, Dunkel added. Many volunteer workers have been unable to cover their areas the past week due to impassable roads in many sections of the area. Dunkel stated that volunteers would continue to work the entire area for the next few days, but he expected that if road conditions improve that contributions from persons not as yet contacted would swell the total.

Dunkel stated that persons may contribute at the booth at the Farmington State Bank every week day, including Friday night and Saturday. Volunteer workers are continuing to cover the entire area in spite of the poor road conditions and are doing as much as possible to contact each resident.

Last week, Oakland County citizens raised \$18,259.79 making a total of \$53,534.30 toward the \$74,485 quota for the 1948 Red Cross Fund Drive. Cross of Public, chairman of the drive in Oakland County, reports enthusiastic response to the fund campaign, saying that people evidently realize the importance of the statement that "the value of dollars has shrunk but human needs have not."

Water And Mud Partially Isolate Many Sections Of Farmington Area

A large part of Farmington Township and surrounding territory was nearly isolated this week following heavy rains and warmer weather which left dirt feeder roads impassable.

During the past week end heavy rains swelled the Rouge River over its banks in several places. However, at no place did it threaten residents of the Farmington area. It did not rise to the flood stage experienced last year.

MANY ROADS OUT However, according to older residents, the condition of roads in the Farmington area was worse than in many years, with practically all the smaller dirt roads impassable. Most residents have been forced to leave their cars on the nearest hard surface road to their home. This is particularly true in the eastern, and southern parts of the Township.

Even Middlebelt Road north of Grand River, which has hard surface, has been waterlogged. Orchard Lake Road and South Farmington Road have become extremely rough due to the water and reed- ing frost. According to authorities this year's road conditions are due to a large extent to the extremely deep frost built up during the winter.

MAIL DELAYED According to Postmaster Norman Lee every effort is being made to get the mail through. However as yet some residents are still without mail service due to the roads. Lee stated that rural mail boxes were returning mail that could not be delivered. The worst conditions are on Rural Routes 2 and 5, Lee stated, in both Wayne and Oakland Counties. "The Postmaster stated that because the conditions were generally bad throughout the area, that it was impossible for mailmen to hand carry mail to the homes. He added that there was not sufficient time or personnel to do it."

School buses in both the Farmington Township School District and the Clarenceville School District have continued to operate during the bad weather, but have generally been confined to hard surfaced roads. Farmington School Bus No. 1, which covers the area along Nine Mile Road in the southwest section, has not operated all week, nor has the Noble School bus. Students have been forced to walk to the nearest hard surfaced road in order to get to school. However, absenteeism in both the Farmington and Clarenceville schools has been light, officials report.

WINNERS NAMED IN FINAL SCHOOL SPELLING BEES Final spell downs were held Wednesday in the annual spelling bees in the schools of the Farmington Township School District, it was announced this week.

James Fanzini, 5th grade, Farmington, was named the winner in the 7th-8th grade spell down which was held Wednesday morning. The winning word was "assonated". Gerald Lombard, also 5th grade, was runner-up. The last 10 to go down in both grades at the March 5 spell-down were eligible to participate in Wednesday's bee.

Fanzini is now eligible to participate in the District Spelling Bee to be held at Walled Lake on April 16.

School champion at the Noble School is Sandra Hicks with Melvin Hardy as runner-up. Sandra will participate in the District spelling bee at Walled Lake. Grade champion spellers at Noble were Melvin Hardy, 5th grade, and Wayne Drayton, 6th grade.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Those entering essays are asked to please make note of the date, key to World Peace. The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are due April 1. The subject of the essays this year is "Human Rights, The Key to World Peace." The essays have been completed for final judging, and judges this year will be James M. Tagg, Mrs. Arlene Tagg and Mrs. Edith Drake.

Popular Stop On The Old Plank Road



Back a few years ago at the corner of Farmington Road and Grand River, stood a fine hotel operated by L. D. Owen, called the Owen House. This hotel, called the finest "inland hotel in Michigan" back in 1898, is pictured above with its long balcony and fine barn. Today the Farmington State Bank has taken its place on the main corner. But the Owen house still stands, rebuilt, it is now serving as an apartment house, located between Kuyper and Mac's 5c to \$5.00 Store. The old Owen House was a popular stop at the old Detroit and Howell plank road.

Inside Features

Classified Ads Page 6, 7
Correspondence Page 3, 4, 5, 9
Editorials Page 2
Farm Features Page 11
Local Items Page 3
Looking Back Page 2
Michigan Mirror Page 2
Washington Digest Page 2