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Around The Block

ANOTHER BIG WEEK END . . .
The Fourth of July, is almost upon us. Let's hope it doesn't bring on another big accident spree. The National Safety Council is trying to persuade motorists to "Take It Easy" — especially during this holiday period. They warn that it will once again be a story of traffic tragedy— unless motorists decide that they can have as much pleasure driving a few miles an hour slower and being a little extra careful. So give yourself and your family a good chance to enjoy future holidays. Take the National Safety Council's advice — and take it easy.

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SOME FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS . . .
come along during the next week. Just for instance, two famous birthdays fall right on the Fourth of July itself, and we don't mean Yankee Doodle Dandy. The birthdays are those of Nathaniel Hawthorne, born in 1804, and Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872. And then we have John Paul Jones, born July 6, 1747, and Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, was born July 9, 1819.

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THE COMING OF WARM WEATHER . . .
sees many of our folks off to the north country. Some of them have already managed to get in a few weeks at some nearby cottage, but others are just now getting away, and many of them plan to spend all the remaining weeks of summer vacation in the north. We would probably all do exactly the same thing if we could, for there is something stimulating and invigorating about the north that one can get no place else. If you are not fortunate enough to be able to stay, it's mighty nice to have even just a long week end or two.

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THE YOUNGSTERS . . .
of the community are mighty cooperative about getting license tags for their bikes and they are bringing them in at the City Hall in number, to have them inspected and registered. In fact they are so enthusiastic about the whole thing that some of the boys and girls who live in the Township are insisting that their bikes be registered, too, even though the provisions of the new ordinance affect only the bicycles of those who live in the City of Farmington. The kids just can't understand why they shouldn't get a license, too, when they ride their bike in the City just about as much as any of the youngsters who live here do.

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EVERYBODY KNOWS . . .
now that the Hocking-Gillies Shoe Store is going to open in the new store building just east of the Farmington Post Office. Folks began to get curious when they saw the shelving going up, and this week came the announcement that the new shoe store will be open about the first of August. The new business will make a good addition to Farmington's business district, for specialty shops always bring more people into town, and it means that just that many more folks will be shopping at home, as the variety of merchandise offered increases.

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MOST ENTHUSIASTIC . . .
has been the response to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's summer time activities program which started this week on Monday. The youngsters who are spending their summer right at home have turned to the program for healthful recreation and they are finding it very much to their liking. Most any time you drive by the athletic field and the park you will see a crowd making use of the facilities. These week ends the park is packed, too, with picnickers and those who like to get out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. We can be very proud of our park, for it is one of the prettiest little parks you will find in any community about here.

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THE RECORD GARDENER . . .
of the week, so far as we know about it, is Adolph Nacker, who tells us that he enjoyed tomatoes out of his garden this week. Doesn't that sound good, Hummm? And what's more he has had some green peas out of the garden, too. Many of the local gardens are now looking very productive, so it probably won't be long before you will all be enjoying the fruits of your labors. To date, however, Mr. Nacker is the only person whom we have heard about who has ripe tomatoes.

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ONCE AGAIN . . .
we repeat the warning about stray dogs. There are still a number of stray dogs around, even though they are being picked up just as fast as they are reported. Please do not try to make pets of these animals, and do not let your children play with them. Other cases of children being bitten by dogs have been reported this week. Do not take chances. Call the Farmington Police Department if you notice any stray dogs in your neighborhood, or if you live in the Township, call the dog warden, Marguerite Greene.

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SOMETHING OF A SANTA CLAUS . . .
in June, was Sandra's Sandwich Shop this week when they gave away a whole pint of ice cream free, with the pint that you bought at the regular price. That's really a bargain, and it doesn't happen every day!

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THE EXCHANGITES . . .
were probably not too happy when they awoke Wednesday morning, and it looked pretty cloudy and gray out of doors, but fate was good and it wasn't long before the sun was out, and the weather was beautiful. After all when the men have their annual picnic they like to see the weather ideal for golf — and that it was. Just made to order!

Work Starts On New School Units

Construction work on one of the three school units to be erected in the Farmington Township School District is already underway and preparations are nearly complete for construction of the other two, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel announced this week.

Concrete footings have been poured for the new Bond School addition and part of the side walls erected. Dunckel stated. The addition, which is being constructed on the west side of the present building, will contain two classrooms. Plans call for a one story structure, with matching brick and of the same architecture as the present building. The addition is being built with the view of expansion as the need arises.

A new six inch water main is being laid this week from Shiawassee Street to the new city school site on 10 Mile Road just west of Powers Road. The connection is being made on the city water main on Shiawassee and the School District is laying the line to the school site. It is expected that as soon as the water line has been laid that work will begin on the pouring of footings for the new city school unit. The build-

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Miss Marion Fifoot To Be Married

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fifoot of Hawthorne Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion, to Mr. Henry Tudball, son of Mr. John Tudball of Powers Road.

No date for the wedding has been set.

JAYCEES PLAN INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

New officers of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be officially installed at a banquet to be held Friday, July 9, at Huck's Redford Inn, Robert Metz, program chairman, announced this week.

Principal speaker of the evening will be Mr. Kenneth Heininger, President of the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. Heininger will also install the new Farmington Jaycee president.

Charles Gronlund, Farmington High School marimbist, will entertain the Jaycees and their wives. James Warner will act as toastmaster.

The new officers to be installed include Nate Mihay, president; Bud Felton, first vice president; Ken Chappell, second vice president; Bob Palmer, secretary; Roy Erdmann, treasurer and Robert Metz, director. Retiring officers are James Tagg, president, Robert Metz, first vice president, Roy Erdmann, second vice president, Bob Button, treasurer and John Beard, director.

The Town Club Plans Picnic For July 15

The Town Club announced plans for a picnic and husband's night to be held Thursday evening, July 15.

Picnic supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmington City Park. Members of the Town Club are invited to bring not only their husbands, but other guests as well. Those planning to bring other guests are asked to notify Mrs. Thelma Stephan, so that plans for the picnic supper may be completed.

Summer Program Attracts Many To Playgrounds

Students Try Out All Sports In First Days

Attendance at the opening of the Farmington Area Summer Recreation program was good, and indicates a full season, William Nuse, program director, announced early this week.

Nuse said playground directors Audrey Lathrup, Lois Goers and Velma Goers reported attendance good in all age groups in the three areas. As the program started its first week students took over the playgrounds, playing all the games provided by the equipment at hand.

"Midget leagues" of the lower age groups are now being formed for softball games, Nuse said. Boys of all age groups are also registering for the horseshoe pitching tournament to be held next week.

The program director announced that the wading pool at the Farmington playground is being prepared for opening early next week. Hours for the pool will be from 1:30 to 3:30, and the pool will be supervised at all times.

BAND PROGRAM OPENS

The Farmington Summer Band program also opened successfully, and participation was very good for the first week, director Lloyd Smith announced.

"Students are eager, and more are coming every day in all three areas," Smith said.

The band program is being given in cooperation with the Recreation Commission, and lessons are being given at Bond and Noble Schools as well as the Farmington band house.

As a change in the original plans of the recreation program, all age groups may now use the playgrounds in the morning and early afternoon, instead of just the younger children. The playgrounds will be closed Monday, July 5, Nuse announced, in observance of Independence Day.

HOURS LISTED

Regular playground hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with meal hours 12 to 1 and 5 to 6.

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GEORGE KOCHS OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Koch, of 33324 Oakland Avenue, observed their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 29.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Koch were born in Detroit, and they were married in Detroit fifty years ago. Mr. Koch owned and operated a grocery store until the time of his retirement. They have made their home in Farmington for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch have three children living, George Koch of Detroit, Dr. Donald Koch of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Marian Koch at home. The children arranged a celebration of the anniversary, which was very quiet due to the illness of Mrs. Koch.

The couple also have four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Farmington friends join in extending congratulations on this happy occasion.

AN INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

OUR FLAG LIBERTY CONSTITUTION

THIS IS OUR HERITAGE!

Ours to guard — ours to cherish —ours to believe in as only free peoples can believe.

On this Independence Day let us pay tribute to those whose foresight and courage gave us freedom and re-dedicate ourselves to the responsibility of strengthening that freedom which has given us hope, faith and progress.

Farmington Junior Legion Nine Loses, 14-2, At Rosedale Sunday

Farmington's Junior Legion baseball team took a sound 14 to 2 drubbing at the hands of Rosedale Park last Sunday at Rosedale.

A large crowd of cheering Rosedale fans watched as Rosedale piled up a total of fourteen runs in as many hits, and two errors, while Farmington was scoring two runs on six hits and five errors.

There were few Farmington rooters at the game.

Both Farmington runs came after the Rosedale scoring, but failed to develop into the needed rallies. Nicholson scored the first run in the eighth inning, coming all the way from first as Rosedale made both its errors trying to field Olson's sacrifice.

Fred McLean singled in the ninth and then scored on a double by Markham. A hit by Alexander in the same inning looked like the start of a rally but was squelched when Markham was put out trying to reach third.

Three Farmington pitchers were used in the game. John Rudberg started and was replaced by Fred McLean in the third. Plum took the helm in the seventh from McLean.

Nicholson batted for Bunge in the eighth inning after Bunge was spiked.

Alexander went in for Robinson on second base in the eighth, and Ditchfield batted for Plum in the ninth.

Rosedale's first three runs came in the second inning, and were followed by a rally of six in the third. The sixth inning produced five more runs and ended Rosedale's scoring.

Three pitchers also traded off for the Rosedale nine. Welde started and was replaced by Matthesi in the sixth, who was in turn relieved by Penrod in the eighth.

Farmington's next home game will be played at 2 p.m. this Sunday, July 4, against the Southfield Township team, which promises to become Farmington's big rival, Charles Larson, business and publicity director for the club, said.

In reviewing last Sunday's game, Larson said there was a disappointment among the boys on the team because of the seeming lack of interest of townspeople.

"Rosedale had quite a crowd of

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LIVONIA CHURCH HAS FATHER AND SON BANQUET

The Father and Son Banquet was held at the new Livonia Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 23. A very fine banquet was served, family style, with 125 in attendance.

The program consisted of a cornet solo by Mr. Lindquist of Royal Oak, piano solo by Mr. Hermann of Bentley High, a magician act by Chester Johnson of Redford High, community singing by the group, and a fine talk by Mr. Curtis. The master of ceremonies was John Stoughton.

To Mrs. McMurtree and those who worked with her, the fathers and sons wish to say thank you.

These Boys Represent Farmington In Legion League

The Farmington American Legion Junior Baseball team poses for its first formal portrait at the sponsor's showroom, the Smith-Berling Company, Ford dealer. Standing are, left to right, Jack Brewington, manager; W. Martindale, coach, Gazely, J. Plum, Bates, Rudberg, Ditchfield, Schofer, coach, and Mike Berling. Kneeling, Thompson, Bunge, D. Hansen, C. Markham, Robinson, Nicholson and Olson. Just visible above the sign is Robert Markham, official batboy, mascot and water boy.

Photo by Emerson Studio

Water Contract Extension Granted For Floral Park

FARMINGTON BOYS ELECTED OFFICERS AT BOYS' STATE

Two Farmington boys were honored last week when they were elected to county office at the 11th Annual Wolverine Boys' State, held at Michigan State College in East Lansing.

The two boys were Carl Bailey, who was elected Jerome county School Commissioner and John Boyce, who was elected Begole county Prosecutor. A total of four boys went from the Farmington area. The boys were sponsored by the Township of Farmington, the City of Farmington, the Kiwanis Club and the Exchange Club.

A total of 1,000 boys from all over the state of Michigan participated in this year's Wolverine Boys' State, which was founded and developed by the American Legion. The boys, all juniors in high school, are carefully selected on the basis of scholarship and potential leadership.

The Boys' Staters organized 20 cities, each composed of 50 citizens, and 10 counties, each made up of two cities, in addition to forming a mythical "49th state". The boys received intensive training in the theory and practice of democratic government, including the formation of political parties, the formation of a city, county and state governmental units and the election of officials.

New City Mail Delivery Begins

Postmaster Norman C. Lee stated Wednesday morning that final details have been completed and all is in readiness for the new house mail delivery to be inaugurated in the City of Farmington and Floral Park Thursday morning, July 1.

Lee warned residents that it may be several weeks before an exact mail delivery schedule can be established due to the great amount of work involved in the change-over. The Postmaster stated that foot mail carriers will leave the post office at 8:45 a.m., but that it may be a little time before they can cover their routes efficiently.

Once the new system is established and under way all residents should have their mail by noon. One delivery a day will be made by the carriers. The business district will receive their mail first, then the two carriers, working separate routes will cover the residential areas.

Lee stated that as yet the large mail receiving boxes have not been secured, but as soon as they are received they will be erected. Posts for the boxes have already been put up. Persons may at any time, however, give outgoing mail to their mail carrier or they may deposit mail at the large box in front of the post office.

Parcel Post delivery in the City of Farmington and Floral Park will also begin Thursday, July 1. One delivery a day will be made throughout the residential and business area. The Parcel Post delivery truck will leave the post office at 10:45 a.m.

Persons are urged again to erect mail boxes or construct door slots at their home for mail delivery. It is also of vital importance that house numbers be placed where they can be easily seen by the foot carriers.

Lee stated that mounted mail delivery for the eastern section of the Farmington Post Office area will go into effect Tuesday, July 6. All persons in the mounted mail delivery area have been notified where to place their mail boxes. There is no change in mail handling or schedule for the rural routes.

Miss Jeanne Grace To Be Married

Miss Jeanne Wynifred Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grace of Osmus Avenue, will be married to Mr. George M. Ripley, son of Mrs. Grace Ripley, of Montague, Massachusetts, on Saturday, July 10. The wedding will be in the garden at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Word was received here of the birth of a three pound baby girl to Sgt. and Mrs. William L. Houle, at Brooks General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, on June 29. Mrs. Houle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowerman.

Civic Association To Work On Permanent Agreement

On Tuesday evening a special meeting was held at the City of Farmington Municipal Building, attended by the Farmington City Commission, representatives of the Floral Park Civic Association, and Mr. Ernest V. Blanchard, Farmington Township Supervisor. Mr. Ray D. Baker and Mr. Robertson, who originally owned a large part of the subdivision, were also at the meeting.

Informal discussion was held to determine how the Floral Park residents could arrive at a definite agreement for countinuing their water supply under existing circumstances, until such time as a permanent basis is agreed upon. Considerable time was spent in talking about the possibility of establishing a special water district through the Township Board, or the annexation of Floral Park to the City of Farmington. It was pointed out, however, that in either event, a considerable lapse of time would occur before this action could be taken, and the June 30 deadline, which had been established by the City as the date on which the water supply would be shut off if some satisfactory agreement had not been reached.

In the past Mr. Baker, holding the controlling interest in the subdivision, had been collecting for the water from the individual resitents, and he in turn was liable to the City of Farmington for payment. He stated, however, that he found it impossible to make the collections since the matter of making a new contract had been brought up, some of the water users in the district being under the impression that he no longer had any authority to make collections.

CONTRACT CONTINUED

In order to bring the matter to a decision, and to insure the Floral Park people that their water would be continued, Commissioner Fred Bagnall moved that the present contract with Mr. Baker be extended to September 30, 1948, carrying through the next quarter. Mr. Baker agreed to the extension, only after he was assured of the cooperation of the Floral Park Civic Association.

It was unanimously agreed that the rate for the next quarter would be double the minimum rate for the City residents, as is customary, or $7.00 for the quarter. It has been customary to add $1.00 to this amount to cover the cost of billing and collection, making the total cost to the individual $8.00 for the quarter. This is the amount that will be collected from each Floral Park water user for the period July 1, 1948 through September 30, 1948. Mr. Baker stated that he would be agreeable to turning over the $1.00 collection fee to the Floral Park Civic Association, provided they made the collections. These details will be worked out by the Association and Mr. Baker.

COUNSELS TO MEET

In the meantime the legal counsels for the City of Farmington and the Township of Farmington are to meet, and a representative of the Floral Park Civic Association has been invited to meet with them, in order to decide upon the procedure that is to be taken to reach a permanent agreement concerning the water.

With Mr. James Cavanaugh, temporary president of the Floral Park Civic Association, acting as their spokesman, inquiry was made concerning the probable benefits they might receive through annexation, such as fire protection, zoning, garbage and trash collection. They also inquired into the comparative assessments in the City of Farmington and the Township.

This temporary agreement seemed acceptable to everyone at the meeting, and action will be taken at once to determine what the people of Floral Park now want to do to settle the matter permanently.

COMPLETES COURSE

PFC. BILLY G. HORTON

Pfc. Billy G. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Horton, 19502 Angling Road, has successfully completed the rigid five weeks Basic Airborne course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and has been awarded the official United States Army Parachute wings.

His air indoctrination included a glider flight to acquaint him with modern glider warfare. Practical instruction in ground assembly, parachute rigging and maintenance, and loading and lashing of airborne cargo — vital skills in all airborne units — were included in his period of training.

During his training he made five parachute jumps from Army cargo aircraft at an altitude of 1,000 feet and achieved the high score necessary to pass the "Paratroop" physical fitness test.

Airborne training at Fort Benning is patterned after successful Airborne fighting methods developed during World War II and recent improvements and innovations. The American "Paratrooper" is recognized throughout the world for his technical "know how".

Legion To Open Home With Dance

The new American Legion Memorial Home will officially be opened Saturday evening, July 24, with a community dance to be held in the home as part of the 29th Annual Gala Days and Homecoming sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post, No. 346, it was announced this week.

Bill Conroy's orchestra will furnish the music, the Gala Days Committee announced. Although the home, which is now nearing completion, has been used by the Legion, the dance will officially open the home to the public. Further plans for this feature occasion are now being made.

This year's Gala Days will be held July 19 through July 25. A full week of outstanding events has been planned. The annual mid-way, which will operate the full week, will be located on the grounds just west of the new Memorial Home on Grand River at the corner of Lakeway. The entire Gala Days and Homecoming will be centered around the new home.

Outstanding features of the week will include a horseshoe pitching contest, a band concert, featuring the Farmington Summer Band, contests for ladies and children and the annual Pet and Doll Parade for the children, which will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 25.

This year's program has been planned earlier in the year than previous Gala Days and Homecomings, sponsored by the American Legion, in order that an outstanding mid-way might be secured.

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