

## Around The Block

WE HAVEN'T TRIED IT... because that soft chair by the fire looks more inviting, but there is usually a fair amount of activity down on Shawnee Street on cold evenings at the skating rink. It's a good thing to remember, when the weather is right, if you can stand on those things called ice skates. The kids like it anyway, whether they are on their feet or resting not so peacefully on the ice. So remember the first chance you and the weather get together, bundle up the kids and yourself and go down to the skating rink for some fun.

IT'S NEVER TOO LITTLE... when it's for a little boy or girl who can't walk or run like boys and girls ought to. That is why you are asked to watch for those March of Dimes canisters in your neighborhood store. Farmington, like every city, village and community, is being asked to dig deep down to give those less fortunate a real break. This year's slogan is "Join the March of Dimes!" You will watch for those canisters, won't you, and you will help. There are plenty of boys and girls counting on you.

THE BIG TALK... around the block this week is the weather. It has been sort of like April, hasn't it? For once we have the laugh on those poor unfortunate souls who took off for sunny California or parts in that direction. In-sults they took off for sunny California they left behind Michigan but they will probably have the last laugh because who knows what next week will bring?

IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED... in facts and statistics this week is a humdinger. All in all this week is loaded to the gills with special mentions. It's Idaho Potato and Onion Week. Incidentally, Michigan grows mighty fine Potatoes and Onions, too. It's National Jaycee Week, for the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. It's also National Jaycee Week and National Thrift Week. That ought to be plenty for one week but they all have a purpose and that is what really counts.

RIGHT ABOUT THIS TIME... of the year you get out the headache pills, bundle up all of last year's receipts, dig out your raft of sharp pencils and go to work on the old income tax estimate. It is one of those things we don't particularly like to think about but aren't exactly allowed to forget. It is pretty rough alright, but it's any comfort, we're all in the same boat.

JUST SO VISITORS... to our city would know that Farmington is a little bigger than it was the last time they passed this way, a number of persons have asked us why the new city limit sign on the eastern end of town has not been replaced. The new signs are very attractive and the one on the eastern limit on Grand River is seen by a lot of people. It would be seen by a lot more if it was moved down to the new city limit. It is for no other reason than the fact that it was in its proper location.

FARMINGTON'S HOUSEWIVES... were certainly most awfully happy to have the garbage collection restored to schedule last week... the holidays falling on Saturdays, the regular collection dates, surely raised Ned—and just when they seemed to be such an accumulation of garbage, too, what with the holiday meals and perhaps some entertaining tossed in for good measure. We've all appreciated the good service but we sure appreciate it all the more when we are without it for even a short time. That goes for the city pick-up of refuse, too.

ALREADY... your youngsters are looking forward to Valentine's Day—and Christmas is just over! That's the younger generation for you, though—they always have something on the docket. Just now they are very busy with their red paper, their pens, their pencils and the paste pot, and some young Lotharios have even gone so far as to take to writing verse. It's all because of that February date, which will be here before we know it.

AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY... is at hand for Farmington mothers, for the well known child psychologist, Mrs. Belle Farley Murray, is coming to our city each week for a series of lectures, presented under the sponsorship of the Mothers Club. Mrs. Murray started her talks last Thursday, but you are not too late if you did attend the first lecture. These programs of prime importance to all women are being given each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. You are most welcome—and you are sure to find them helpful. Be on hand this week, and for the balance of the series, if possible.

THIS IS SALE TIME... and if you don't believe it, just take a look at your papers. They are full of advertising for very special sales, January sales, clearance sales and what have you. A lot of cautious buyers held off purchasing for their own needs and those of the family, just figuring that these sales would be along shortly, and sure enough—here they are. You'll find some excellent buys right here in our own shopping area.

## Trojans Lose In First Cage Game

The Clarenceville Trojans basketball team dropped their opening game in the 1949 season to Inksater Friday night 29 to 23 before a large crowd in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Clarenceville dropped the game in the first period. Getting off to a fast start, the Inksater team was able to pile up 17 points to the Trojans' five by the close of the first period. This was the first time since the season for Clarenceville and the sixth game for Inksater.

However, in the second period the Trojans began to click. They won the offensive and at the same time forced a good defense against the Inksater five. The close of the second period saw Inksater's lead cut to 7 points. The half time score was Inksater 19, Clarenceville 12.

The final period opened with Clarenceville determined to get back in the ball game. However, they were only able to match their own lead in the closing quarter. Each team was able to score 6 points and the game ended with Inksater leading 29 to 23.

## NEW V.F.W. POST BEING ORGANIZED IN CLARENCEVILLE

The names of two Clarenceville men who gave their lives in World War II will be perpetuated in the memory of their living comrades who have honored them by naming the new VFW post soon to be opened in the Clarenceville area, after them.

The new post will be named in memory of Marvin George and Lint Post, both of whom lost their lives in foreign service.

Marvin Geary enlisted in the 1st Division of Marine Infantry in December, 1942, and was killed in action on Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, on September 8, 1942. Both men were former students at Clarenceville High School.

The name of the new post will be The George and Lint Post of the VFW, which is now open for membership. The first thirty applications for membership, it was announced, would be declared charter members.

Further information regarding the new post, or possible membership, can be obtained by calling Menke's Super-Serv Station or by phoning Farmington 9011 for appointment.

**Birthday Celebrated By John Ethier, 89**  
—One of Farmington's old-timers, John Ethier, who was 89 years young last Saturday, January 8, celebrated his birthday at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Ethier of Greening Boulevard.

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## Contracts For Clarenceville Gym To Be Awarded

Action To Be Taken This Week On Bids

Actual awarding of contracts for the construction of the Clarenceville School District gymnasium-auditorium building will be made in the next few days. It was announced following the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday evening.

The Board has received composite bids on a number of alternate plans which are under consideration. Although no definite action was taken to award the bids Monday night, it is expected that action will be taken in a few days.

Members of the Board took an special trip Tuesday evening to a number of recently built school gymnasiums in order to see what had been done to cut down costs of construction.

It was pointed out that alternate bids now under consideration are based primarily on changes in the gymnasium. It is expected that the classrooms will be constructed very closely to the original plans. The major economies being considered involve minor construction changes.

The building is to be constructed on the high school site on Middlebelt Road near Eight Mile Road. It will contain a gymnasium-auditorium with classrooms in the front of the building.

It is expected that the construction of the building will begin as soon as the contracts for the building are awarded.

**Farmington P.T.A. To Sponsor Play**  
"Tom Sawyer," Mark Twain's popular American classic, will be presented by the Farmington P.T.A., sponsored by the Farmington P.T.A. on Saturday, January 22 at the high school auditorium.

This highly amusing story of a boy's adventures and experiments will be brought to life in twelve scenes. Children and adults, alike, are assured of an enjoyable time. Starting time has been set at 7:30 p.m.

Patrons of the Detroit Civic Players will be interested to learn that the Players' production of "Little Women" was televised by station WXYZ-TV on Sunday afternoon, December 26, at 2 p.m. In just a few weeks the Players will have completed a solid year on television with their weekly showings of "Down Fable Lane," the original dramatizations of Mother Goose rhymes.

Following "Tom Sawyer," the Players will present the psychological drama "Blind Alley," scheduled for a mid-February showing.

**Trophy Award and Court Date Is Set**  
All Boy Scout troops of the Southern District will meet at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 17, at which time and place they will hold their Court of Review and Honor.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Samuelson trophy award, to be made to the troop worthy of the recognition through its efforts of achievement and registration.

## Telephone Service Expanded In Farmington's Rural Area

"Substantial progress" was made in the development of telephone service in Farmington's rural areas and other rural areas throughout the state during 1948 according to Bert H. Brandt, head of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company's farm program.

Approximately 23,000 farm families were provided service last year. This brings the total number of telephones in service in the company's rural areas to 142,000, an all-time high.

Since V-J Day, Michigan Bell has installed 53,000 new rural telephones. Total rural development, as a result, has jumped from 57 telephones per 100 establishments before the war to 70 today.

This achievement was made possible through an unprecedented rural line construction program which included the setting of 50,000 new poles and the stringing of 30,000 additional miles of wire.

The quality of rural service also has been raised, said Brandt. "On most of our lines, the number of subscribers has been reduced to the normal objective of eight or less. The average is seven customers per rural line."

"Also, more than 7,500 rural telephones have been changed from crank-the-handle or lift-the-receiver operation."

Brandt said demand for telephones by farmers still was at a high level with 10,000 on the waiting list. He pointed out, though, that the waiting period for new service is considerably shorter than it was.

The Falcon juniors scored eight more in the third period to Keego's five.

The last period saw Keego scoring 12 to Farmington's 10. This game ended with the Junior Falcons racking up their sixth straight victory with no defeats, by the score of 42 to 32.

High scorer for Farmington was Dave Dirmeyer, who collected 15 points to lead his team to victory. Dick Louys and George Barrons each had eight points.

Farmington will play Holly next Friday, January 14, at Farmington.

**New Kiwanis Club Officers Installed**  
The newly elected officers of the Farmington Kiwanis Club were officially installed by L. Governor John Grimes, of the 11th District, at the annual installation banquet held Wednesday evening at the Redford Hotel.

A record attendance of Kiwanians, their wives and guests heard Reverend Robert Richards give an inspiring talk on the subject, "It's Fun To Live In America." Rev. Richards was born in England and came to America when he was a young man.

Tracy Conroy, past president of the club, introduced the guests as well as Joseph Himmelspach, past Lt. Governor and member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, who acted as emcee.

The Bond School PTA regular meeting will be held at the School on Monday, January 17, at 8 p.m. After a short business session, a Girl Scout investment service will be conducted by the troop leader, Mrs. Barbara Brown.

Dr. R. M. Christ of Ferndale will talk on "The New Sodium Fluoride Treatment for Children's Teeth" from which it is expected parents will gain some very worthwhile information.

Mrs. John Young and the Third Grade mothers will serve refreshments.

The Farmington V.F.W. Post 4033 will hold its annual Military Ball on Monday, January 17, at the High School auditorium. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m.

**Old Picture Brings Back Memories**  
One of Farmington's old landmarks, the Grace House, still crowds the main street just as it did back at the turn of the century when this old picture post card was printed. The old wood frame stores have disappeared as has the dirt road, the D.O.R. tracks and the hitching rails, but the old Grace House still stands, right foreground, just as it did yesterday. This picture was taken showing the north side of Farmington's main street. The horses and carriages in the background were a familiar scene any afternoon in the towns along the Detroit-Howell plank road.

## School Board Study Possible Driver Training Program

Woman's Club Gets Goodwill Message

The Farmington Woman's Club met on January 5 at the home of Mrs. Mabel Chackert. Mrs. Frances Herrick of the Goodwill Industries in Detroit was the principal speaker—stressing the principle of goodwill.

Emphasizing the theme that it is better to give a person a chance to help himself than to give outright charity, Mrs. Herrick outlined how the handicapped and disabled of every race and creed are given an opportunity to receive training, employment and rehabilitation.

Slides were shown depicting the story of discarded material. How it is collected, reconditioned and readied for sale, while the material that is beyond repair is prepared for sale as salvage.

Mrs. Herrick outlined how the proceeds from the sale of this material offsets the expenses and salaries of the handicapped workers. Tea and cookies were served by the hostesses, with President Alice Ritter serving. Mrs. Florence Lee was in charge of the program.

## BLUE STAR MOTHERS GET ANNUAL REPORT ON HOSPITAL WORK

The William H. Maybury Sanatorium has announced in its annual hospital report the assistance given the patients by the Blue Star Mothers.

During the past year, it was reported, the Blue Star Mothers have mailed birthday cards to eight of the 107 veterans in the sanatorium, given flannellette pajamas to the needy, and have also donated gifts of candy, fruit and cigarettes.

The Blue Star Mothers have donated 99 hours of time, and have traveled a total of 230 miles in their hospital work—with a total cost of \$35.50 for their work in conjunction with the sanatorium during the year 1948.

The following letter was received by Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, of the Farmington Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America from the Department of Health, City of Detroit.

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre  
22015 Farmington Road  
Farmington, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. McIntyre:  
I wish to express the gratitude of the Maybury Sanatorium to the Blue Star Mothers for many gifts which came for distribution at Christmas time to our veteran patients. The staff and nurses also wish to thank you for the individual patients for the thought and kindness of all who helped provide the packages.

Best wishes for the New Year.

W. L. Howard, M. D.

## Legion Auxiliary To Hold Luncheon

The Farmington American Legion Auxiliary will hold a luncheon at the American Legion Home on Grand River Avenue at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 13.

Co-hostesses for the luncheon will be Betty Brewington, Marie Joy and Mitzie Van Every.

The Gus Zeasons entertained Mrs. Hester Goss, Miss Marian Povey and the George Walte's on Friday.

## Student Driving Course Would Be Added To High School Curriculum

The possible introduction of Driver Training to the curriculum of the Farmington High School was discussed by the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District at their regular meeting Monday night.

No definite action was taken by the Board at the Monday evening meeting, however each member was furnished with information regarding the program for study. Superintendent O. E. Dunchel introduced the program and briefly explained what other School Districts were doing in the way of Driver Training Courses.

Under the program the District is given a special Driver Training automobile for the special course. A number of the teaching staff is selected to teach the course. The District must furnish the other necessary materials for the classes and lay out the required driving course.

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**NEW SCHOOLS TO OPEN**  
It is expected that both the Bond School addition and the new 10 Mile Road school building will be opened by the beginning of the second semester the last of January. The first semester will end on Friday, January 28. Students will begin their school on Tuesday and Friday, January 27 and 28. These days will be devoted to completion of records for the first semester by the teachers. Some of the time will be spent in group meetings and planning for the second semester.

A brief discussion of the current school tax levy was held. Dunchel stated that the tax levied on the equalized valuation has risen from a lack of understanding of the difference between assessed and equalized valuation as set by the Michigan Tax Commission. The equalized valuation as shown on the tax rolls. This equalized valuation is higher than the assessed valuation.

**MRS. RUTH DAYER SPEAKS BEFORE THE TOWN CLUB**  
Members of The Town Club were most interested in a talk given by Mrs. Ruth Dayer, pianist, teacher and speaker, of Detroit.

Mrs. Dayer chose as her topic, "That Music Can Do For Us" and explained just how great an effect music has upon our lives every day, though many of us do not perhaps realize it. She pointed out how music affects a child's mind and influences changes as the child grows into adolescence, and later still, when he becomes an adult.

The Town Club members were particularly interested in Mrs. Dayer's remarks concerning the work that is now being done in music therapy under the direction of Dr. Altkemper, at Wayne County General Hospital, and the venue that is being received. She told of several experiences she has had in this field.

At the close of her talk Mrs. Dayer played a short selection for the group all of them in different moods and themes.

The program was followed by the serving of refreshments, and a social hour. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Harry Dener, Mrs. Charles Ehrlich, Mrs. Dune Walper and Mrs. Charles Layton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton and son Lawrence were Brighton visitors on Sunday.

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