

# Around The Block

A BREAK IN THE GRIND... Students of both Farmington and school, even for a couple of days. Students of both Farmington and school, even for a couple of days. Students of both Farmington and school, even for a couple of days.

WILL HE WILL... We're talking about the groundhog, of course. He is due to pop out of his hole this coming Wednesday, February 2. And he has a look around. The theory is that if he sees his shadow he gets frightened and back he goes, not to come out again for six weeks. But then again it really doesn't make much difference if time and experience mean anything, because in Michigan we can expect plenty of winter yet ahead regardless of Mr. Groundhog.

WE'RE BIGGER NOW... And everyone should know it. Thanks to the City employees the Farmington City Limits sign has been moved down Grand River to the new eastern limit. It looks kinda good, too, even to regular Farmingtoners. The very fact that the sign is in a new location will attract the attention of a lot of people who pass this way regularly. By the way, if you don't remember what the sign says, look at it the next time and take a mental note, it's worth thinking about.

STILL A COUPLE OF DAYS... left in which you can drop a dime or two or three or four in that March of Dimes canister in your local store. You'll be helping a little boy or girl to walk, play and laugh again like little boys and girls should. It doesn't take a lot if we all help and it means a lot to someone who really needs a boy. So look for that canister today, you'll feel a lot better when you've done your part and somebody else will feel a lot better, too.

THE EXCITEMENT... all died down now — and only a few straggling accounts of all the activities connected with it remain. However, don't let this fact lead you local voters to think that you can relax... you can't! Those of you who reside in Farmington Township have a deadline facing you right away next week, as a matter of fact. For unless you are registered before 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, you'll not be eligible to vote in the Township Primary Election which is scheduled for Monday, February 21. If you must yet register, do so right away with Township Clerk Harry McCracken, or if it's more convenient for you, at the Township Office, 100 N. Main St., at 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and he'll be glad to take your registration then. Also, if you've any nominating petitions to file, be sure they are in before 4:00 p.m. February 1 — that's another deadline.

MOTHERS... and anyone else who may be interested in the series of lectures being given by the well known church and speaker, Mrs. Belle Parley Murray, are extended a most cordial invitation to attend the three remaining lectures in the series being sponsored currently by the Mothers Club. There is room for more women in the classes, and the Mothers Club would welcome anyone interested. If you would like to attend, please call Mrs. E. J. Cooley at 1331, and tell her so. The lectures are given Thursdays morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Murray is a well known field, including discipline, punishment and the such phases of child development, stressing particularly the family unit and the importance it holds for every boy and girl. Surely there isn't a woman or mother in our community who wouldn't derive a great deal of benefit from this lecture series — and you're most welcome to attend.

BACK TO NORMAL... seems to be the rule, after the wind storm early last Wednesday morning. Even the baggy look has disappeared from the faces of our people. The Trojans took most of their sleep that night, trying to keep track of what was going on, what with electricity being off, and hence clocks stopping, refrigerators defrosting, furnaces growing cold, etc. It was just one of those nights that happen every so often, no matter how well equipped our homes are. The night was a little frightening, and yet exciting, too. Everyone is at a loss as far as our water is concerned for almost every other section of the country is experiencing untold of weather conditions, and here we are with hardly a taste of winter as yet — up to Wednesday, at least.

THE TREASURERS... of our City and Township are pretty busy folks these days — as you well know, for this is the season of the year that they are collecting taxes. Reports indicate that collections are good, too, which is always welcome news for those who are responsible for the carrying on of our local government. Incidentally, for those of you who may also be interested, it is obtained at the same time that you pay your property tax — you might just as well save yourself an extra trip, and take care of it all at the same time. The family pet needs a new "tag" right about now, and that is a matter not to be overlooked.

## Trojans Defeated In Overtime Game

It took two overtimes and plenty of fast stepping basketball before Clarenceville was defeated by Inker at Roosevelt last Tuesday night 41 to 39 on the Inker floor. The Trojans took an early lead in the game only to see it dwindle under the strong Inker offense. At one point Clarenceville led by 14 points over their hosts. Clarenceville jumped right into the game at the opening tip-off and piled up an 8 to 2 lead in the first period. Inker was unable to break through to stop the Trojans. In the second period Clarenceville was able to check the Inker five and hold them to two points. The Trojans increased their lead in the second period by scoring 14 points while holding Inker to 4 points. Clarenceville was able to score almost at will and they were making their shots count. The Trojan zone defense baffled the Inker team and held their offense to nearly a standstill.

However, things began to happen as the third period opened. Inker began to click both offensively and defensively. They were able to score 12 points in the period while Clarenceville was scoring 5 to close the gap in the period. The Trojans lead 27 to 20 at the end of the third period. The fourth quarter saw both teams fighting desperately to win the game. Inker came from behind to take the lead late in the game but with seconds to go the Trojans tied the score and the final minutes sounded with the teams deadlocked at 35 to 35. Both teams scored three points in the first overtime period and a second overtime was called by the officials. Under Michigan High School athletic rules the first team to score in the second overtime period is the winner. Inker was (Continued on Page Twelve)

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bode and family, and Mrs. Alfred Bode and family, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Tuck Road. Mr. and Mrs. Gus Zeason were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson of Detroit.

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## Adult Education Classes Begin At Farmington

Courses In Tailoring And Sewing Started

Adult Education classes are now being organized in the Farmington Township School District. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, announced this week. The first Adult Education Class was held Wednesday evening, January 26, at the Farmington High School. A second class is scheduled for Monday evening, January 31. The Wednesday evening class is on instruction in tailoring and sewing from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Monday class features instruction on sewing and is scheduled for two hours, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Both classes are being held in the Home Economics room in the Farmington High School gymnasium building.

TEACHER SELECTED Mrs. Rose Charette has been selected as the instructor for both classes, Dunkel announced. Mrs. Charette has had considerable experience in this field both as an instructor and in commercial work. She recently served as an instructor at the Highland Park Junior College. Mrs. Charette is a resident of Farmington Township.

Each of the two courses being initiated are scheduled for 15 weeks, two hours each week. According to Dunkel, approximately 45 persons have indicated their interest in the two courses scheduled thus far. There is a possibility that two sections may have to be formed to handle the large number of enrollees. Anyone interested in either the tailoring or sewing class are requested to contact the Superintendent's office. A fee of 50¢ per week has been established as the rate per person. All materials needed for the course must be paid for by the enrollee.

Dunkel announced that the classes are still being made to organize a painting class in connection with the adult education program. However, this class can not be started until a qualified instructor has been secured. A large group of residents of the District have indicated their interest in such a class.

## School Leaders Urge Action On Higgins Bill

A letter has been forwarded to Senator George Higgins by Gerald Holmes, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District, requesting that the bill on the limiting of the location of race tracks in Oakland County be brought out of committee.

The letter to Senator Higgins is as follows: "It is the expressed opinion of the members of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District that the Higgins Bill limiting the location of Race Tracks in Oakland County to a minimum of one mile from schools and churches should be brought out of committee onto the legislative floor for proper debate and discussion without undue delay. Please convey to the Committee on State Affairs, of which we understand you are the chairman, this expression."

In conjunction with the scientific study of the discovery of underwater sound, producer Irwin Moon brings in the parallel of the unknown spiritual realm. Because man could not hear fish communicate, he has created a new world. In the same way, Dr. Moon points out, many deny the spiritual aspect of life because of a lack of knowledge and experience.

Both the new Farmington Elementary school, pictured above, and the Bond School addition are expected to be ready for use January 31 at the opening of the second semester. It is expected to be used for the early elementary grades, thus greatly reducing the overcrowded conditions in the present elementary building. Opening of the new school will also eliminate the necessity of using the former Our Lady of Sorrows school building on Grand River Avenue. James McCune has been hired to be the principal of the new school at Farmington. A total of five new teachers will be added to the staff by the time the second semester starts, Dunkel stated.

## Award Presented At Boys Republic



Harold Robinson, outstanding citizen of Boys Republic, receiving the first Fred M. Butzel Award at ceremonies last Wednesday evening at the Boys Republic. E. P. Lovejoy, president of the board of Boys Republic, is on the left and Charles E. Henry, Executive Director, is on the right.

The first of a series of awards to boys at the Boys Republic was made last week Wednesday. The award was chosen by the boys of the school voting for three choices outstanding for their honesty, participation in programs, cooperativeness, general attitudes, sportsmanship and assistance in furthering the installation of citizenship among the other boys. The faculty makes the final choice of the winner from the three voted upon by the schoolmates. The award will be some article of apparel (Continued on Page Twelve).

## Farmington Swamps Northville In Lopsided Event By Score Of 60-16

After a slow first quarter the Falcons variety hit their stride and outlast Northville in a non-league contest Friday night. The scoring in this contest was very unevenly divided with seven boys tallying for Farmington. Captain Junior Nichols was high point man with fourteen points on five field-goals and four free-throws. Bud Bryant followed with eleven points and Fred McLean and Dick Trapper made eight each. Jerry Heaton led the Northville attack with five points, all made in the second quarter. This week's game presented a great challenge in the Falcons starting line up. Dick Martindale and George Barrons started at guards, and Herb Deibel drew the opening assignment at center. Both teams confined themselves to feeling out each other's defenses in the first quarter. Farmington scored seven points on two field-goals and three free throws, one by Nichols and two by Aschenbrenner. Northville racked up two points on a field goal by Gray. McLean and Bryant entered the game at the beginning of the second period, and the Falcons really went to town. The two speedy guards scored eleven points between them as Farmington took a 27 to 7 lead at the half. Nichols and Trapper came through with two field-goals each to swell the scoring tide. The third quarter was very satisfactory to the Farmington followers, as the boys racked up seven points on three field-goals. Dick Trapper and Nichols led this attack

## Farmington Township Board To Purchase New Fire Truck

\$500 Fire Damages Buffet Bar Fixture

A fire that went out of its own accord after doing approximately \$500 damage to a section of the bar at the Buffet Bar, on Farmington Road, occurred Sunday night, January 23, sometime between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. The fire was evidently caused by a heated cigarette, as had been tossed into a wastebasket and remained unnoticed. The front of the bar, in a section approximately six feet long, was scorched so badly that replacement is necessary. Two stool tops were also destroyed. It is believed that the damage was kept to a minimum because there was no actual blaze, due to the fact that the bar was of plastic material. No one was present when the fire occurred.

## Present Equipment May Be Put Into Use In Clarenceville Area

The Farmington Township Board, meeting in a special session Monday night, unanimously approved a motion to purchase a new fire truck. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, introduced the motion and it was seconded by Virgil Campbell. The new fire truck will be purchased as soon as arrangements can be made to purchase the old fire truck. The Board to purchase the fire fighting equipment from the John Bean Company of Lansing. The equipment will be placed on a truck chassis to be selected by the Board.

## Work Begins On Clarenceville Gym

Initial work has begun preparatory to the construction of the new Clarenceville School District gymnasium - auditorium building. It was announced this week. The area where the building is to be constructed has been surveyed and the exterior limits of the area have been staked out. The area is now putting up the construction office and tool shed. Materials for the construction of the building are expected to arrive this week.

Last week at a special meeting of the Board contracts were awarded for the construction work. The general construction contract was awarded to J. C. Nielsen and Company of Royal Oak. Jones-Sherman, Inc., of Detroit, was awarded the electrical construction contract. The heating, plumbing and ventilation work will be awarded to J. D. Naylor and Son of Detroit. The building will house a new gymnasium - auditorium, two classrooms, and locker rooms. The gymnasium will be approximately 95 feet by 95 feet, with the playing floor itself 84 feet by 48 feet. Each of the two classrooms will be 22 feet 6 inches by 35 feet. In the immediate area, saying they had no objections to the establishment of the pool hall.

The Township Board approved the application and licensing of a pool hall to be established on Big Lake in Inker Road. The approval was granted after the presentation of petitions signed by approximately 70 persons residing in the immediate area, saying they had no objections to the establishment of the pool hall. Actual construction is expected to begin as soon as materials can be transported to the school site.

## Tuesday Is Final Registration Day

Tuesday, February 1, has been designated the last day of registration for the Farmington Township General Primary Election, to be held Monday, February 21. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated this week. Eligible electors of the Township who are not already registered or who are new residents of the Township may register any day except Sunday at the home of the official Registrar, 3520 12 Mile Road. On the last day of registration, residents of the Township may register at the Township offices in the Farmington Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Persons must be registered in order to vote in the General Primary Election.

## CHURCH WORKERS PLAN CONFERENCE FOR SUNDAY

The newly formed Board of Christian Education of the First Methodist Church, Farmington, is conducting its initial General Workers' Conference next Sunday afternoon, January 30. The program which is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. will be held in the church school auditorium. Vilas O. Bates, Chairman of the Board, announced that the meeting would take the form of group discussions on a wide range of subjects of interest to persons concerned with the development of the Christian Educational program.

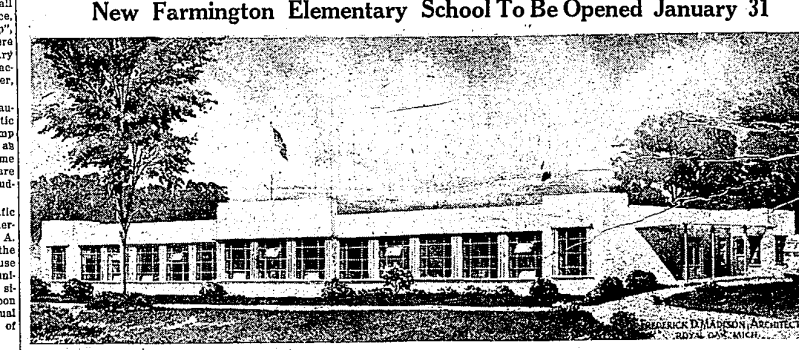
Subjects included in the program are "Acquainting Youth With Christ," "Attractive Ways to Teach the Bible," "Using Audio-Visual Aids," "Psychology in Religious Education" and "Importance of Personal Devotions." Other groups will review such items as "How to build and use a Reference Library," "Christian Stewardship—Defined and Applied." Leaders include the Rev. A. Stanley Stone, Sayres D. Harger, Gerald W. Harrison, Erard F. Ayres, Florence Leach and others according to D. Gerald Domes, the school's general superintendent. Registrations to date indicate a large interest. The Women's Society of Christian Service members will serve refreshments at the close of the study program which will end at 8:30.

## Vandals Smash Windows At Clarenceville School

A number of windows were broken in the Clarenceville High School Monday night. The vandals threw pot bottles through them. All the windows on one side of the school were broken out in the same manner, Schmidt said.

## TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE TO SCOUT WORKERS

Anyone interested in Girl Scout training is invited to attend a basic training course which is being given by Mrs. William Barnum and Mrs. Wade Dickerson. These two adult Girl Scout workers have just completed a National Volunteer Training of Leaders' course, and will conduct the training in the course offered to local workers. The first meeting of the series will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Monday evening, January 30, at the home of Mrs. J. Robertson, 2437 Farmington Road. The course will continue each Monday evening for eight weeks, as planned at the present time.



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