

Around The Block

ANOTHER CHANGE . . .
is in process in our business district, as one of Farmington's older houses is being torn down this week. The house which stood between the Blackstone Chevrolet Sales and Service, and Earl Vetter's station and Oldsmobile showroom is no more. Although used for a residence long after most of the surrounding property had been utilized for business, this property, too, now bows out to make room for a larger business section.

MORE FARMINGTON FOLKS . . .
are complementing themselves on the fact that the Michigan winter this year has held much less snow and ice for us than it has for residents almost anywhere else in this country of ours, even where it is supposed to be warm and sunny throughout the winter months. This week alone came a communication however, from a Farmington resident, Mrs. Lyman Farrand, who is spending the winter months at the Farrand home in Tarpon Springs, Florida. She writes "The weather here is just what we needed today from my garden." And so there are still a few places that those who dislike the snow and ice and cold winds, might rather be.

THIS FRIDAY
marks the anniversary of the patenting of the phonograph by Edison in 1878. It probably isn't a very important anniversary, as anniversaries go, but just see how that invention has become a great influence on our lives. Even the very young generation has not only nursery rhymes and stories via recordings, but they now learn manners and health lessons, too, and much quicker and more effectively than when mother has to tell them to say please and thank you, and to brush their teeth every morning, etc. Just think how much easier it is on her disposition, too.

A CAN OF CHERRIES . . .
is on a good many shopping lists this week end, for there are lots of folks who are celebrating a birthday on February 22 with a cherry pie. Incidentally, don't forget that the day is a legal holiday, so you'd better tend to your business on Monday, or plan to do it on Wednesday.

FLOOD WARNINGS . . .
and threats of impending trouble with high waters this spring are much filling our newspapers, and being conveyed by the radio, but much closer to home is our own Rouge River. This week's weather, particularly noticeable was the river just south of Grand River Avenue, as it crosses Middlebelt Road. This is a low spot and usually reaches flood proportions every spring, but already the water was over the banks and almost up to the bridge. Let us hope residents will not experience the difficulty with flooded basements again this year that they did two years ago this spring.

TOWNSHIP FOLKS
have a little civic duty to perform this Monday, for it is Primary Election Day in Farmington Township. It is expected that a good number of the men and women who make their home in the Township will pay a visit to the polls to vote for the candidates of their choice, as well as the police officials, and go to the polls on election days, that we are able to keep our country as it is. Don't let this election day be any exception.

EXCITEMENT
is running high in Farmington last Friday night, as the Falcons beat the Keego Harbor basketball team, to tie for first place in the league. That's why all eyes are focused on the game to be played at Holy this Friday evening, and on the following Friday night at Northville. If you happen to have either of these two evenings open, why don't you follow the team and give them a little home town support? They deserve it, for the boys are doing a grand job this year as they have in the past.

ANOTHER BOOST
for the homecoming came this week by way of the State Legislature's action to legalize the sale of gasoline in Michigan. This action will mean that the Falcons will have always found it rather a job to fuss with it and add the coloring, though of late it has been much easier since one could mix it right in the container it came in, rather than having to empty it out a few times. But now it will be all colored and ready for use at any time. We are sure that this is a good thing, and that it is legal 90 days after the close of the present legislative session. Now the question is what will happen to the time that will be saved by having it all colored.

GENTLEMEN AND THEIR LADIES
will not dance at the annual Military Ball, sponsored by Farmington Post 4033, Veterans of Foreign Wars, on Saturday evening of this week. The ball is to start at 9:00 p.m. and will be held at the Farmington High School Gymnasium. We are sure that it is a good thing to have on hand to provide music for dancing. If you've never attended a military ball you will find it most interesting - and you are most cordially invited. It is a colorful affair and one of the highlights of the Pre-Lenten season this year.

Trojan Cagers Drop Two Games

Clarenceville's basketball team, struggling to keep in the win column, dropped a one point basket to the Inkster high school last Tuesday 32 to 31, and then fell before Dearborn Roosevelt tonight night 41 to 31.

In the Inkster game Clarenceville led all the way until the final period. The Trojans piled up a commanding 9 to 2 lead in the first period. The drive was sparked by Dick Lattner and Sid Fry in the second period inkster began to move but the Trojans managed to keep the lead. The halftime score was 15 to 11.

The Clarenceville hung on doggedly in the third period to maintain a one point lead as the period ended. With minutes to go in the first period, the drive was sparked by Dick Lattner and Sid Fry in the second period inkster began to move but the Trojans managed to keep the lead. The halftime score was 15 to 11.

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Maurice F. Cole Talks To Veterans
Maurice F. Cole, post commander of the Michigan Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars spoke at the Farmington Town Hall last night on the topic of "Veterans Legislation."

Cole, who is also Circuit Court Commissioner for Oakland County, was invited to speak here under the auspices of V.F.W. Post 4033. Refreshments were served after the address.

Ground Broken For New Gym At Clarenceville

Work On Temporary School Stepped Up

Ground was broken last Friday morning for the new Clarenceville Gymnasium. The building, designed by Louis Schmidt, superintendent of schools, announced this week.

Excavations for footings were dug for the entire building. Work has also been started on the frames for the footings. Heavy rains Monday night have slowed work on the footings but it is expected that they will be ready soon for the pouring of the concrete.

Friday morning, students of the Middlebelt school were notified that a fire drill would be held. At the designated time they filed out of the building for the breaking of the ground ceremonies. Work on the new building is expected to proceed as fast as weather will permit.

Schmidt also announced that work is being rushed on the new temporary building at the Edgewood School. Partitions have been erected in the building which will house one classroom, a kitchen and a storeroom. The kitchen is to be used in connection with the Clarenceville school lunch program.

At the regular meeting of the Clarenceville School Board held Monday night, it was suggested that the insurance rates of the Middlebelt school be investigated. This was questioned because of the fact that a new fire truck has been located on Middlebelt and Seven Mile Road by Livonia Township. This new car is valued at about \$4,000, a mile from the Middlebelt school.

A study group has been formed to investigate the possibility of a special program for students in the Clarenceville schools. This would consist of classes for students who can not read with comprehension.

Lucille Shaw has been given a contract to teach the 5th Grade. She has been hired to take the place of Mrs. Verna Allen, who resigned recently.

FARM BUREAU GROUP MEETS AT HOWARD HOME

The West Farmington Farm Bureau discussion group met Thursday evening, February 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Howard on Howard Road. There were 25 present.

The topic for the evening was "Marketing," on which a roundtable discussion was led by discussion leader Ed Schmidt.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. During the business meeting, the group was informed of the death of Don Button, former member, and in turn a group of old boys were played on an organ by Mrs. Floyd Howard. New members inducted into the group were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dasher, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luketka, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mahle. A social hour followed the business meeting.

Recreation Commission Makes Plans For Increased Summer Program

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Some Remember This Main Street



With all the changes being made these days along main street, the moving of houses out of the business district, the tearing down of landmarks, it is interesting to go back a few years and take a look at Grand River as it used to be years ago. There are still a good many old residents who can name the owners of the stores that are shown in this old photograph. It is interesting to newcomers, too, to see just what our main street used to be in the horse and buggy, dirt highway, board walk days.

Farmington Troupes Keego Harbor To Continue Cage Winning Streak

Farmington smashed Keego's hopes of having an undisputed league championship by handing them a 4 to 2 beating in the FHS gym Friday, February 11.

Starting line-up for the spirited Falcons was Keith Wieland, center; Junior Nichols and Smokey Aschenbrenner, forwards and Bud Bryant and Fred McLean, guards.

This game started fast and furiously with each team trying to break the other's defense. In the first period the Falcons went out in front 9 to 8. Baskets by Tupper, Bryant, McLean and Wieland maintained Farmington's narrow margin.

The second period was also kept in close check with neither team breaking completely through the other's defense. Farmington managed to produce five points; while Keego got four.

In the third quarter Farmington led by a score of 28 to 15. At half time, Farmington led 28 to 15. High scorers for Farmington were Keith Wieland and Fred McLean, with 14 points each.

With the fourth and final period coming up, Farmington continued its lead. Wieland led this by scoring eight more points. The final score showed Farmington out in front by the score of 45 to 29.

Five point man for the first quarter was center Keith Wieland with 17 big points. Wieland collected 14 in the second half to account for the wide margin of victory. High scorer for Keego was Hesselgrave with nine.

Other boys seeking action for Farmington besides the first five were Dick Tupper (who got five points) and Herb Duesel.

After trailing during the first

half, the Junior Varsity hit their stride to continue the young Preps' defense. The important victory stretched the young Falcons' winning streak to thirteen and brightened their prospects for an undefeated season.

Dave Dirmeyer was high scorer for Farmington with 15 points, he was ably assisted by Dick Louys, who tallied 10. Earl O'Shaughnessy led the Keego attack with 7 points, while Sullivan and Collins shared second honors by scoring 4 points each.

The Falcons starting line-up was Don Dunge and Jack Boyce, guards; Dick Louys and Jim Bates, forwards; and Dave Dirmeyer, center. Check Markham alternated with Boyce at guard throughout the game.

The next Farmington game is at Holly on Friday, February 19.

Township Rejects Police Car Bids

All bids for the purchase of a new police car were rejected by the Farmington Township Board. A motion was made for the re-advertising of the bid at a later date.

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Township Residents to Vote In Primary Election Monday

V.F.W. MILITARY BALL SET FOR SATURDAY AT HIGH SCHOOL GYM

The fourth annual Military Ball, under the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4033, will be held Saturday evening, February 19, in the Farmington High School gymnasium.

The dance program is scheduled to get under way by 9 p.m., and will continue until midnight. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Dierks orchestra.

Interest Shown In Republican Race For Supervisor And Clerk

Residents of Farmington Township will go to the polls Monday, February 21, to nominate candidates for Township offices on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

CHIEF OF POLICE WARNS AGAINST LOTTERY SCHEME

Chief of Police Joseph DeVriendt this week cautioned Farmington residents not to fall victim to the new "California Pyramid" scheme which has spread like wildfire in western Wayne County and southern Oakland County since last year.

"The 'California Pyramid' scheme," said Chief DeVriendt, "is just another lottery of which the victims are promised much and probably will come out on the short end, as usually happens. Upon the advice of the County prosecutor, we have been informed that the device is a lottery, and as such is a violation of the state's lottery laws outlined in Act 372 and 373 of the 1931 Public Acts."

Board Hears Adult Education Report

In a formal report to the Board of Education at their regular meeting Monday night, O. E. Danckel, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the new adult education program is running far ahead of expectations.

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City Prepares To Zone Floral Park

A detailed map and plat of the newly annexed Floral Park Area was handed over to the City by L. N. Hayden, city engineer, at the regular meeting of the City Commission held last Wednesday evening.

The map is the first step in the preparation of a zoning ordinance and building code to be set up for the new area. This map has been attached to and will be a part of the present city map. The Board of Appeals will study and make recommendations for the zoning of the area. These recommendations will be submitted to the City Commission for approval. A public hearing must also be held prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance and the building code.

Tickets For Northville Game Now On Sale

G. V. Harrison, principal of the Farmington High school, announcing this week that persons wishing to attend the Farmington-Northville game on Friday, February 25, are requested to purchase tickets at the Principal's office.

The request is being made because of the limited seating facilities at Northville. Persons who want to be sure of seeing the game should purchase their tickets prior to February 25 at the High School Principal's office.

NOTICE TO VETS

American veterans with a ten percent disability or more are advised that they do not have to pay their full city or township personal property taxes on the basis of their full value. They can obtain an exemption with Arthur Lamb or Ernest Blanchard of the Township.

Proof of disability can be obtained from the assessors upon the showing of a disability check received from the government.

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D. OF L. TO GIVE LUNCHEON NEXT TUESDAY

Final plans for the Washington's Birthday luncheon and card party were made at the monthly business meeting of our Lady of Sorrows Circle, 617, Daughters of Isabella held Monday evening, February 14, at the Town Hall.

The party will also be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon, February 22. Luncheon will be served at noon and the public is cordially invited. One feature of the luncheon will be cherry pie, a traditional favorite on the birthday of our first president.

District Cage Tourney Set For March 3-4-5

Farmington High School's gymnasium will be the scene once again of the annual District Basketball Tournament No. 28 of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

This year's tournament will be held March 3, 4 and 5. Teams in both Class "B" and Class "C" will be preliminary and the public will be held Thursday and Friday with the finals in both classes on Saturday.

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VOTE MONDAY

February 21, 1949
Farmington Township General Primary Election
Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

IT'S YOUR DUTY AS AN AMERICAN TO VOTE!