

Around The Block

KEEPIN' UP WITH THINGS . . . It is not too easy these days around Farmington. That is, if you try and hit all the shows, entertainment and organization activities. It's just the busy season so take a deep breath, glance at the calendar and start going. You can't say that anything going on anyway, and every event is worth your support, so forget your troubles and join in the fun.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND . . . It sure doesn't look like it this week, the corner, or so they say. But it is and a sharp bite to the wind. It shouldn't be too long now, however, we hope. At least we are getting a few nice spring-like days now and then just to make us anxious. Spring is supposed to come in this Sunday, March 20, so the calendar says, but it has a way of being a little slow around these parts.

WHERE'S THE GREEN . . . You should be wearin' today? Remember it is St. Patrick's Day, so if you forget here is a reminder. Get out the green and wear it. In tribute to all our Irish friends and neighbors. Sure it's a fine day and a proud color to be wearin'. You might even have a pretty Irish tune to go with it in the spirit of things, or you housewives could have a spot of green on the family table tonight.

WATCH THOSE FIRES . . . There is a plea being issued this week by the Fire Department. If you were around town over the winter you know what they mean. They were replacing "Washington Digest" by Baukage, which has appeared for some time in your hometown paper. It is the hope of the publishers that "Washington Merry-Go-Round" will meet with your approval. We would greatly appreciate any comments you would like to make. Your effort in being made to add your readers' pleasure and give subscribers of The Enterprise as wide a variety of news and comment as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME . . . Volunteer workers are to make that contribution to the Red Cross. Volunteer workers are still making their contribution to the Red Cross. Watch for the Red Cross worker—give as much as you can. Farmington is still short of its \$2,200 quota for this year's drive. Remember, when you give to the Red Cross you are giving a helping hand to those who need it most. To men, women and children who are still shaking from the shock of disaster, to veterans in hospitals, to destitute homes, to boys and girls who want a chance. Let's meet our quota—let's meet our responsibility.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH . . . It's all over now. You can't see the pencils away for another year and start catching up on lost sleep. Income tax day is now past history. That haggard look is even disappearing already. The long lines have disappeared from in front of the Department of Internal Revenue offices and everything is gradually getting back to normal. It may be a little bit late to get out how you are going to get the old pocketbook fattened up again, but at least the necessary book work is done for another year.

IT'S COMING . . . The sudden appearance of flower and garden seeds in our local stores. The catalogs are coming out of cold storage, too. It won't be long now before Farmington gardeners will be enjoying their favorite outdoor sport, digging in the family garden. So whether you have a little plot in the backyard or you don't, you had better start. After you have laid out your vegetable garden, don't forget to put in some flowers. They will add much to the appearance of your home and the beauty of our community.

IT'S COMING . . . This Wednesday, too, the "Fine and Dandy" minstrel show, sponsored by The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The show was originally planned for last Wednesday, but the Jaycees yielded to the Farmington Falcons. The show will be held this Wednesday, March 22, at the same place as the Farmington High School gymnasium, at the same time, 8:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Light Study Made At Clarenceville
The Clarenceville Board of Education announced, following their regular meeting, that a light study will be taken this summer to improve the overall lighting facilities in the three schools of the Clarenceville School District. The study will be taken as the result of a recent survey made by the Detroit Edison Company. The foot candle light recorded in each school building in the various schools and recommendations made for improvement. The project will be started this summer following the close of school. The study will be carried out as finances allow this summer and the balance of the recommendations will be complied with as soon as possible.

CIVIC GROUP GAINS SUPPORT IN DRIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS
The North Farmington Civic Association is rapidly gaining support in its campaign for better roads and zoning. George V. McLaughlin, president, revealed yesterday that groups recently being asked to join the group included the Farm Bureau, Fruit Growers' Organization, Walled Lake Residents, Parent-Teacher Associations and farm families in the area.

"More and more people in Farmington and West Bloomfield Townships," he said, "are joining with us in asking the question, 'Why do we have such poor roads?'"

"Residents from as far away as Clarenceville are inquiring about our program and are especially interested in the enactment of a zoning ordinance, which is one of our prime aims."

McLaughlin revealed that Charles M. Ziegler, state highway commissioner, would be invited to speak at a mass meeting, open to members of the associations and others who are interested. The meeting will be held at the Walled Lake, and Ziegler is able to attend he will be asked to speak on the subject of how funds might be available for road improvements in this area.

Recreation Commission To Meet This Saturday
The regular meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will be held this Saturday morning at 8:00 p.m. at the Salem Evangelical Church.

Dr. M. E. Whitehead, president of the Commission, has called the meeting for the purpose of further discussing the budget for this summer's recreation program. All members of the commission are requested to be present.

Plans will also be discussed for financing of the summer program. The meeting will be held by representatives from the civic and church organizations to carry on the program. This is similar to the plan used last year when the summer program was first initiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langley will give a family dinner Friday, March 13, honoring Mrs. Langley's father, Mr. Harry Smith, who will celebrate his 75th birthday anniversary. Attending the affair will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sills, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sills, Miss Eva Sills, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalling and daughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langley, and Mr. William Langley.

Township Board Accepts Bids For New Police Car

Clarenceville Firemen To Be Organized

Purchase of a new police car was approved by the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Township Offices following the opening and reading of bids.

Earlier in the month the Township had advertised for bids on the purchase of a new police car. Four bids were received by the Board and the purchase of a Ford was approved. It was also announced by the Board that the uniform and equipment for the new Township police officer has been ordered. As soon as the car and equipment can be secured, the new officer will assume his duties. It is expected that this will be around April 1.

Further discussion was held on the transferring of the old fire truck to the Clarenceville area. The Board authorized Virgil Campbell to proceed with the organizing of a separate volunteer fire fighting unit. Campbell stated that he already had several volunteers lined up to serve in that area.

ORGANIZE FIREMEN
It was decided that the volunteers should be organized first and then a proper location be secured for the fire equipment. The Board also discussed the possibility of erecting a building for the fire truck. This building could also be used for the water system equipment.

The old truck has been replaced with a new high pressure unit and is no longer required in the center of the Township. The old truck could be used on the Clarenceville water system. It was pointed out, however, that the new truck would be available at any time anywhere in the Township when needed.

PICK ELECTION BOARD
With only one exception the Township Board elected and approved the same election boards for the two precincts as served at the January Primary. At that time Campbell was a candidate for office and was not eligible to serve.

Members of the Precinct 1 Election Board are: Thomas Tandy, Little McIntyre, Mrs. Mack Bensch and Jennie Lapham. In Precinct 2: Virgil Campbell, Harry Schaefer, Miss Pink, Francis Billings, Louis Brown and Jane Robinson.

A large delegation of Township residents appeared before the Board to see if some action could be taken to repair the roads in the area just south of Nine Mile Road and West of Farmington Road. At the present time it is impossible for many of the residents to get to and from their homes by car because much of the dirt has been removed from the roads. The Board agreed to meet with the group and study the problem.

Farmington W.C.T.U. To Meet With Mrs. Jones
The Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Doris Jones, 36315 Twelve Mile Road, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22. An interesting program has been arranged.

Chalk Talk On "The Easter Story" To Be Given At Methodist Church
Arthur A. Sinclair, well known district minister, will give a chalk talk, "The Easter Story," next Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Sinclair has for many years delighted his audiences with a dignified program of high caliber, using his talent of artistry to good advantage in spreading the message of the Christian way of life. His personality has a quality which gives life like realism to the pictures he draws as he talks.

A message of the faith being presented next Sunday at the church for this season. It is based on the Biblical account of Easter. The pictures are designed to interest and amuse of mixed ages and tastes.

The meeting, which is open to all, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 in the evening. A song service will include favorite hymns of Easter tide.

ARTHUR A. SINCLAIR

Local Girl Scouts Donate Pennies



Participating in the Juliet Memorial Fund ceremony at Farmington High School, are the members of Girl Scout Troop 7, shown above, depositing their pennies in the pot at the end of the "Rainbow." The Juliet Lowe memorial fund is collected each year from the members of the Girl Scouts, each of whom donates one penny for her age. The fund is used to help pay the expenses of sending a member of the Girl Scouts from each state to the International camp in Switzerland—organized for the purpose of creating better relations between nations through the Girl Scout organization. The ceremony was conducted at the Annual Girl Scout Anniversary party held last Saturday.

Falcons Down Three High Schools To Take Regional Basketball Crown

Farmington High School's fighting Falcons earned themselves a first minute of play and were never in danger thereafter. They held a ten point margin midway in the last quarter before employing defensive tactics, which baffled St. Gregory completely.

Farmington met River Rouge at Fordson High School in Dearborn Wednesday evening in the quarter finals of the State Basketball tournament. The game was held at 7:30. Winners in the four Class "B" quarter final contests held Wednesday throughout the State will meet Friday at Lansing. The finals for the State championship will be held Saturday evening at the Field House on the Detroit State College campus in East Lansing.

Schools having a team represented in the finals will receive a block of 400 reserved seats tickets, which will be held until 10:00 Saturday morning. The semi-final Class "B" games will be held at 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The final Class "B" game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

In the second game, played Thursday, Farmington met their friends from St. Gregory, Michigan. Although Northville has been improving steadily, they fell victim by the score of 37 to 29.

Farmington started out as if they were going to run the Mustangs off the floor. Nichols hit for three quick goals and Aschen-Brenner, Wieland and Bryant contributed 5, 3 and 2 points respectively to pile up a 15 to 2 margin at the first quarter.

The scoring in the second quarter was even, with each team making 8 points. This gave the Falcons a 24 to 10 halftime lead.

During the second half Northville whittled Farmington's lead down until the Falcons held only a three point margin late in the last quarter. But the boys came back strongly in the last two minutes to win going away, 37 - 39.

Smoky Aschen-Brenner was high scorer for Farmington with 10 points, while Fred McLean scored 7 and Junior Nichols 6.

This victory put the Falcons in the finals, which were played Saturday night against St. Gregory. St. Gregory was rated as an exceptionally good team, even placing one man on the Detroit News All-City team. However, St. Gregory proved no match for the smooth working Falcon five, who took the regional trophy with a 31 to 27 victory.

In the regional title contest, the Falcons opponents used a light zone defense, but were unable to stop Bud Bryant's long shots or Smoky Aschen-Brenner around the basket. Bryant scored 10 points and Aschen-Brenner 7 to grab high points.

The program will feature the boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Farmington High School under the direction of J. W. Henderson. They will also form the chorus for the latter part of the program. Spirituals and old favorites will be featured numbers to be sung by the glee clubs.

The majority of the calls were for assistance in putting out grass fires that had gotten out of control. Eight of these, on Sunday alone, kept the department on almost continual call. Only damage was done by the fire on the farm of one of the members of the Fire Fighting Company of Lansing, a thorough workout.

The Lucille Langley, Little McIntyre and Mrs. Margaret Mitchell attended the luncheon and gave a song service at the club in the V.F.W. building in Detroit on Tuesday, March 15.

Police To Check Speeding On Side Streets in City

33RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WITH FAMILY GATHERING

The 33rd birthday of Mr. I. G. Rakestraw was celebrated at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold McDougl, Haines Avenue, with a potluck family gathering on Saturday morning.

The decorations and arrangements on the two large tables that were set up were trimmed in green. One table was occupied by the immediate family, and the other by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Two large birthday cakes, one on each table, decorated with "May" and "Grandpa", served as centerpieces. Many gifts were received and exchanged, as it was also the birthday of one grand-daughter, two great-granddaughters and one daughter-in-law, all of Detroit.

Games were played and Mr. Rakestraw had a very enjoyable time. He has been very able for his years and spends a good deal of his time reading, listening to the radio and talking with company. He lives in his own home. A grandson, Donald LeDoux, serving with the U. S. Army, was also present. A daughter, Mrs. Louise Lossing, of Alanson, Michigan, was also present.

School District Gets New Bus

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, announced this week that a new \$4,500 passenger school bus has been put in operation in the District. The new bus will be used to transport students to and from school. It will also be used to transport students to and from school. It will also be used to transport students to and from school.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education held Monday evening, the secretary was directed to send a letter to the City Commission requesting the installation of a new hydrant near the new 10 Mile Road school. The Board explained that the hydrant is necessary for proper fire protection.

The Board received bids for window blinds for the Board and the 10 Mile School. Rolfe Smith and Dunckel were instructed to investigate the bids further and to select the lowest bidder.

The show was originally set for Wednesday, March 15, but when the Falcons moved into the quarter finals, the Jaycees yielded so that students and adults alike might support their home town team.

According to the committee, a number of entries have been received in the "Fine and Dandy" contest sponsored in connection with the minstrel show. These entries will be judged this week and winners will be notified prior to the show next Wednesday.

James Warner, chairman of the minstrel show, stated all preparations for the show have been completed and an outstanding program has been planned. The first part of the program will feature the boys' and girls' glee clubs of the Farmington High School under the direction of J. W. Henderson.

The Macabees, Liberty Tent 1027 of Farmington, will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 21, at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall. All members are urged to attend, since several important items of interest to the membership will be discussed.

New Fire Truck Gets Workout

A series of 12 fire calls over the week end gave the Farmington Fire department, an excellent opportunity to give its newly acquired fire-fighting equipment, recently purchased from the John Ben Fire Fighting Company of Lansing, a thorough workout.

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Commission Begins Readings On Changes In Traffic Ordinance

It was recommended at the regular meeting of the Farmington City Commission held last Wednesday that certain streets in the City be carefully watched by the police in an effort to reduce excessive speeding by drivers.

The recommendation was made by Police Commissioner Kenneth Loomis on the basis of numerous complaints by residents. One of the trouble spots is Shawwassee Avenue in the newly annexed Floral Park area. Another bad situation is pointed out by too many drivers are speeding around the dangerous curve where the two streets join. An added hazard is the presence of children and pedestrians around the area.

Spring Election To Be Held April 4

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According to Harry Moorh, City Clerk, and Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, a record number of voters are expected to appear at the polls. The increase in registration is due largely to increased population and the heavy registration record just prior to the election last fall.

In the Township election candidates on both the Republican and Democratic ticket will be opposing each other for various offices. Candidates were selected at the Township primary held February 21. One contest is assured, that for the office of Township Clerk, with Harry McCracken, Republican, opposing Fred Wilkinson, Democrat.

March 25 has been set as the deadline for the filing of nominating petitions for city offices. The candidates for the first and second readings on establishment of zoning in the newly annexed Floral Park area. Three zones have been established, Commercial B, extending from the corner of Shawwassee south to Nine Mile and then east on Grand River to a point just beyond Hawthorne. Residence B, extending from the corner of Shawwassee south to Nine Mile and then east on Grand River to a point just beyond Hawthorne. Residence A, all the rest of the annexed area.

The Commission approved a motion to increase the City Assessor's salary from \$600 per year to \$800 per year. This was pointed out by city assessor's work has been greatly increased with the addition of the Floral Park area. It was also pointed out that the Assessor's salary has not been increased for some time.

A request has been forwarded by the Commission to the Bell Telephone Company for the moving of the poles on Grand River just west of Farmington Road. Plans are being made for the repair and surfacing of the road.

Accord Ensemble Program Set For Sunday

Plans are complete for the Detroit Accord Ensemble program to be held Saturday, March 20, at 3:00 p.m. in the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

The program is being jointly sponsored by the Board of School Trustees, the Farmington P. T. A. and the Noble - William Grace School P. T. A. Jackie Krueger will act as master of ceremonies for the afternoon's entertainment.

The committee announced this week that all younger children must be accompanied by their parents for admittance into the gymnasium.

Farmen To Sponsor "Donkey Olympics"

"Donkey Olympics", sponsored by the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. It was announced this week.

The committee announced that the bucking burros would be ridden by men of the Farmington area. The show is called "The world's funniest home town bit." It is not a basketball or softball game, but a ten act variety show. Local announcers will weave stories around each act. Three local clowns will add fun and zest to each event.

Tickets will be on sale in advance as well as at the door. Mrs. W. C. Watson was the luncheon guest of Mrs. H. Shepard of Detroit last Wednesday.

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